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Boothroyd interrupts resignation speech nine times as verbal battle rivets Commons

Mates denounces fraud office

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
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MICHAEL Mates used his resignation speech yesterday to mount an outspoken attack on the Serious Fraud Office. He accused it of exerting improper pressure on a judge in the case of Asil Nadir, trying to wreck Mr Nadir's defence, and conducting a trial by media against him.

Last night the government virtually turned down Mr Mates's call for an independent enquiry into the role of the SFO and other authorities handling the case. Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, said on BBC television: "Nothing that I have heard suggests there is any need, or that an independent enquiry would be appropriate."

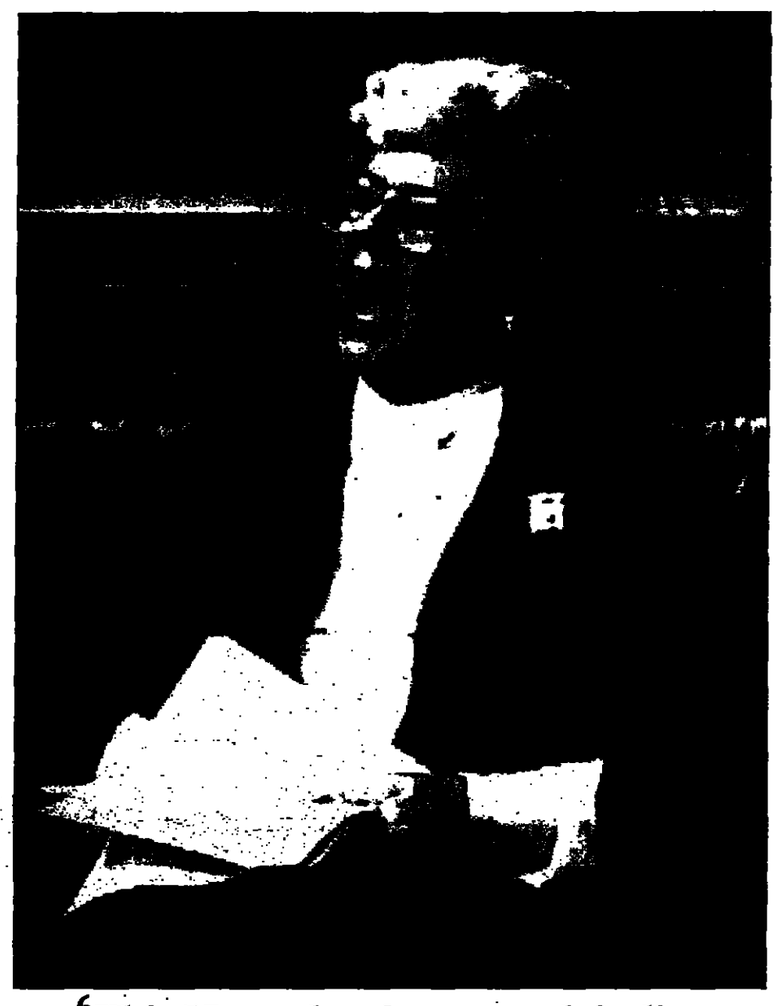
The former Northern Ireland minister, who resigned last week over his links with Mr Nadir, astounded MPs by using his 30-minute personal statement to condemn the behaviour of the legal authorities.

He was interrupted nine times by the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, in a speech that would normally have been heard in silence. Once, when telling him that he was breaching the Commons *sub judice* rules, she ordered him: "I am now requiring you to resume your seat." Animal gear



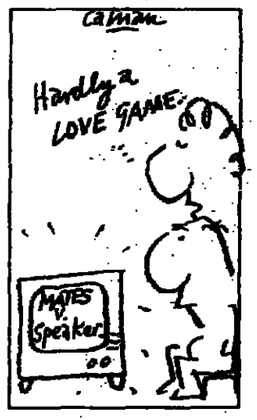
"If one cannot come to the House and tell them ... what is wrong with the system ... then, Madam Speaker, what is the point of being here?"

MICHAEL MATES



"This House has its own *sub judice* rules, which ... I am imposing upon you. I do caution you ... I will see that they are carried out"

THE SPEAKER



uproar, she warned the former minister that he was in danger of prejudicing any trial of Mr Nadir, now in the self-styled Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus where he fled while facing charges of theft and false accounting over the collapse of his Polly Peck International company.

Mr Mates stood his ground. Despite Miss Boothroyd's increasingly angry warnings, he omitted hardly a word from his prepared text. His hands trembling, he told her: "If one cannot come to the House and tell them what is wrong with the system, if one cannot speak in this place, not about innocence or guilt, not about trials, not about *sub judice*, but what is wrong with the system, then what is the point of being here?"

A furious Miss Boothroyd said the time for Mr Mates to give the information would be after the trial. The MP received an initially hostile reception from the Labour benches, but they warmed to him as he invoked his right to speak out against what he regarded as injustice.

Mr Mates accused the SFO of leaking material to the press and questioned the seizure of personal documents that Mr Nadir had needed for his defence. His most sensational charge was that the SFO had brought pressure on the trial judge, Mr Justice Tucker. At one stage he accused the SFO of a "deliberate attempt to destabilise the defence".

He alleged that on November 6, during an application to vary Mr Nadir's bail, counsel for the SFO said in court that police were investigating a complaint that there was a conspiracy to bribe the judge, who should consider standing down because it might be necessary to interview him. But at a subsequent hearing the senior policeman responsible for investigating the claims said that he had never had evidence which would have justified interviewing the judge. "The only conclusion is that the SFO misled the judge about the intentions of the police. The House will also realise that the mere making of such an allegation in court could compromise any chance of the judge being seen to be impartial. Quite rightly, he refused to give up the case.

"Then, at a hearing in March 1993, another bizarre suggestion was made by counsel, namely that the police were investigating a conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. The suspected conspirators were, said counsel, Mr Nadir, Mr Wyn Jones — assistant commissioner of Metropolitan police — Mr Anthony Scrivener QC and the judge himself. Needless to say, the police have not ever questioned the judge, Mr Wyn Jones or Mr Scrivener. This appears to have been a deliberate attempt to destabilise the defence."

Mr Mates did not criticise the prime minister or the government and said he did not know whether Mr Nadir was guilty or innocent of the charges. He admitted that he had been guilty of "one foolish indiscretion" in giving a watch to Mr Nadir, but he had done nothing improper.

Afterwards, many senior Tories criticised Mr Mates, saying that he had virtually ruined the chances of Mr Nadir being given a fair trial. Others said that he had every right to use his position as an MP to put his anxieties before the public.

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Attorney rejects 'baseless charges'

BY JILL SHERMAN
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THE points raised by Michael Mates had been examined "carefully and dispassionately" and found to be without foundation or to have some reasonable explanation, the attorney-general's office said last night.

It said Mr Mates's comments to the Commons were still being considered in detail. But it went on: "All the points which Mr Mates had already raised with the attorney-general have been carefully and dispassionately examined and he is satisfied either that they are without foundation or that there is some reasonable explanation for the conduct in question which has been given to Mr Mates. If Mr Mates's statement is found to raise any new points, these will also be carefully and dispassionately examined."

Downing Street also said that all the allegations previously made by the MP had been subjected to careful enquiry and rebutted. Tory backbenchers were split over their support for Mr Mates and whether the government needed to take further action in the light of his resignation statement.

While some Tory MPs felt that Mr Mates had raised serious points which should be examined by an independent enquiry, others were anxious that the saga should be brought to an end quickly. Senior members of the backbench 1922 Committee, who appeared shellshocked by the event, questioned whether

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POLITICAL SKETCH

Bothered Betty all in a terrible tizzy

Nobody had the least idea where it was going. Michael Mates's statement began, MPs dozing, as a folksy ramble through memories of office, and ended as a bizarre set of allegations against the Serious Fraud Office, the Speaker's clerks muttering and grimacing in horror and Betty Boothroyd all in a tizzy.

The Tories began by indulging him and ended (many of them) shaking heads. Labour began by mocking and ended by cheering him. The press began puzzled, and ended more puzzled still.

At what point the event lurched from the trite to the shocking is unclear, as by the time Mates changed gear, few were listening. He had opened with pages of thanks to his helpers and staff, fulsome tributes to all his old workmates, and many good wishes to successors. Proceedings took on the air of a warm Saturday afternoon in a Trust House Forte hotel, the bride's father saying a few well chosen words.

Colonel Mates told us he was desperately sad to be saying goodbye. He wished the PM well; he recorded his gratitude to Nigel and Alison, Nanette and Neil, Joanne and Lisa, Susan, Liz and "Jackie, my driver". Miss Boothroyd smiled kindly. There were thanks, too, to Peter and Keith ("my escorts") and a tribute to the loyalty of the whole "dedicated and happy team". Was this man losing his job, or accepting an Oscar? Tories grunted sympathetically. Labour, interpreting his fall as a spot of bother for the government, started to sneer.

Roles were shortly to be reversed, but first came a period of baffled silence. It followed the dawning realisation that Mates was making the most serious charges against the SFO. So serious were they that at first nobody quite took it in. As we did, each element in the audience — government, Opposition, Speaker and press — hastily revised its attitude. The prime minister stopped smiling and the attorney-general's face turned to stone. Edwina Currie shook her head despairingly, while Sir Terence Higgins (C, Worthing) seemed almost to be mouthing "Stop him!" at the Chair.

Sir Terence was outdone by the clerk at one end of the row of three wigged clerks who advise the Speaker. He kept turning to Miss Boothroyd, face contorted with disapproval, scowling and whispering to her. Her subsequent attempts to stop Mates straying into allegations which were arguably *sub judice* followed repeated prompting from this clerk. She looked ill at ease and grew angry as she grew

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US backs UN attempt to lift arms ban

BY BEN MACINTYRE AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

AMERICA is backing a United Nations resolution seeking an end to the arms embargo on Bosnia's Muslims, bringing it into fresh dispute with Britain, France and Russia.

The resolution pits the US and a group of Islamic and non-aligned states against London, Paris and Moscow in the security council, where it was being debated late last night. Russia has promised to veto it, describing it as an "improper action".

At Sarajevo airport yesterday, the Muslim-led leadership of Bosnia met to discuss plans to partition the republic along ethnic lines. President Izetbegovic, who earlier boycotted talks in Geneva on the Serb-Croat scheme, also attended.

Details of the Serb-Croat plan began to emerge yesterday, including how hostilities would cease and how the government would run.

The UN resolution to lift the arms embargo would exempt Bosnia's Muslim-led government from the general arms embargo against the warring parties that has been in place since September 1991. Britain, France and Spain have all threatened to pull their troops out of Bosnia-Herzegovina if the embargo is lifted, believing their forces would be placed in even greater danger.

The sponsors of the resolution are the non-aligned members of the security council, Pakistan, Venezuela, Morocco, Cape Verde and Djibouti.

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Scout killed in fall from Alpine peak

BY IAN MURRAY

A SERIOUSLY injured British climber struggled for ten hours through snow and ice for help after surviving a 1,000ft fall from the Jungfrau which killed his best friend.

A party of four British climbers had made it to the top of the peak in the Swiss Alps when snow gave way beneath two of them.

Last night Andy Pascall, 23, was recovering in hospital at Interlaken. However, he was mourning Andrew Hindley, 23, who plunged to his death while the group from the Vulcan Venture Scout troop, in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, admired the view from the 13,600ft mountain on Sunday. Two climbers, Martin Kolaszynski, 21, and Craig Fines-Allin, 20, were flying home.

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'Bizarre' Mates melodrama moves out of the mainstream of politics

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Yesterday's resignation statement by Michael Mates was "bizarre", a relieved minister said afterwards. It was by any standards a tense and edgy 30 minutes as everyone waited to hear what he would say next, including a nervous Speaker, who had not seen his remarks beforehand.

Stripped of the immediate melodrama, the affair has moved away from the political mainstream into the byways — important though they are — of the conduct of the case against Asil Nadir by the Serious Fraud Office.

The allegations by Mr Mates about the SFO's behaviour should not damage the political standing of the government. Whatever has been said about John Major's handling of the affair is history. The focus will now be on Mr Mates's specific, and serious, charges and the reaction from Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general. Whatever Mr Nadir may claim, this is no Watergate affair.

Mr Mates offered a persuasive explanation of his involvement and how he had done nothing improper apart from what he charitably described as "one foolish indiscretion" (the gift of the luridly inscribed watch to Mr Nadir). Others might be more severe. He staked his ground on the traditional right of MPs to take up "questions of apparent injustice" and declared: "If we should ever flinch from such a duty the reasons for our existence as MPs would be much diminished."

That is fine as an absolute principle. But, in practice, the question is the relative one of his judgment in this particular case — whether he has pursued the matter more intensively than it was wise for any MP, let alone a minister, to do when serious criminal charges have already been made.

Many fellow Tories believe Mr Mates has sounded like a man obsessed, and therefore someone who can be sidelined.

Perhaps; there was noticeably more sympathy for him on the opposition side than on the government benches.

There was also concern yesterday — reflected in the Speaker's repeated interventions — about whether the statement might prejudice any eventual trial of the case against Mr Nadir. Mr Mates argued that he was not concerned with the guilt or innocence of Mr Nadir but solely with the conduct of the law enforcement agencies. Hence his call for an independent enquiry. That is a fine distinction, but it failed to convince quite a number of MPs.

Nevertheless, despite the warning salvoes from the Speaker, the colonel achieved his objective of putting the charges on the record, puzzling and sensational though they are.

The attorney-general's reaction last night does not end the matter. Sir Nicholas said that all the questions *already* raised by Mr Mates with him had been "carefully and dispassionately" examined and had been found to be without foundation or to have some reasonable explanation. But if there were found to be any new points, they would be fully examined. The legal authorities are unlikely to be able to hold the line there; they will have to provide more detailed answers.

Moreover, Mr Mates is not alone in questioning the SFO's conduct, or in alleging that it has frequently tipped off the press about its raids. Some senior ministers are privately critical of the SFO, both over the failure of a number of lengthy and expensive criminal prosecutions and over the publicity associated with some of their actions. The attorney-general cannot just brush aside the charges.

Mr Mates has probably pushed himself to the margins of politics, but his personal sacrifice — bordering on self-destruction — has at least ensured that the SFO will be forced to defend itself and justify its record.

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Attorney general rejects charges

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he had "breached" parliamentary privilege. One executive member said that resignation statements should be reserved for cabinet ministers. "There should be no independent enquiry. The whole matter should now be closed."

The Labour party called for all the correspondence between the attorney-general and Mr Mates to be published. Liberal Democrats joined the demand for an independent enquiry. Senior backbenchers were incredulous that Mr Mates had not checked his resignation statement with the Speaker before he delivered it.

Some MPs last night had misgivings about whether Asil Nadir would ever face trial in England after the allegations raised by Mr Mates. "If Mr Nadir came back to England now I would think that defence lawyers could put up a pretty convincing case to the judge that it would be impossible to give him a fair trial," Charles Kennedy, president of the Liberal Democrats, said.

Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, whose position appeared to be undermined by Mr Mates' comments, issued a statement within an hour defending his action. "The attorney-general is considering how far it is appropriate for him to make further comment in the light of the continuing court proceedings," he said.

However, MPs continued to press for a full explanation from the attorney-general about his role in the affair. The Liberal Democrats pressed for an independent enquiry and a full statement from Sir Nicholas.

Labour said that nothing Mr Mates had said on behalf of Mr Nadir could not be explained before a trial judge and there was no need for an independent enquiry. However, a Labour spokesman said that in the light of Mr Mates' allegations about a conspiracy, it had called on the attorney-general to publish all its correspondence with Mr Mates.

Speaker unable to halt bulldozing ex-minister

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ **Michael Mates invoked a previous Speaker's rebuke to Charles I as he resisted attempts to halt his resignation statement**

NINE times Betty Boothroyd warned Michael Mates that he was walking a procedural tightrope as he delivered his personal statement yesterday afternoon in the Commons on his resignation. And nine times the former Northern Ireland minister ignored the Speaker as he bulldozed through his allegations that the authorities had acted improperly in pursuing the case against Asil Nadir.

At one point, late in his catalogue of accusations against the Serious Fraud Office, the police and the Inland Revenue, the burly Mr Mates urged Miss Boothroyd to relax because he was moving onto safer ground. But there was nothing relaxed about the Speaker's performance yesterday afternoon as she repeatedly broke the rule that such statements are heard in silence and, to her admitted embarrassment, implored him to toe the line.

In the biggest public test of her 14 months in the chair, the plain speaking Miss Boothroyd sought to enforce a far bigger rule and one enshrining an ancient truce between the powers of Parliament and the courts. The *sub judice* rule, most recently defined in Commons resolutions in 1963 and 1972, forbids MPs from raising any matter that is before the courts. The courts do not interfere with the independence of Parliament.

According to Erskine May, the bible of parliamentary procedure, the 1963 resolution "bars references in debate. . .to matters awaiting or under adjudication in all courts exercising a criminal jurisdiction from the moment the law is set in motion by a charge being made to the time when verdict and sentence have been announced. . ."

In 1972, the Commons slightly relaxed this prohibition, subject to the Speaker's discretion, to allow references to "matters awaiting or under jurisdiction in all civil courts in so far as such matters relate to a ministerial decision. . .or concern issues of national importance such as the national economy, public order or the essentials of life".

However, these exceptions apply to civil courts — Mr Nadir has been charged with criminal offences — and the Speaker should not allow reference if there is a "real and substantial danger of prejudice to the proceedings".

These, then, were the rules Miss Boothroyd was seeking to enforce as Mr Mates spoke of "alleged bribery of the judge, the conspiracy to pervert the course of justice and the seizing of defence papers".

Miss Boothroyd was well prepared for her ordeal. When a backbench MP makes a personal statement, she is given sight of the text. This does not apply in the case of a former minister, but Miss Boothroyd talked to Mr Mates yesterday lunchtime. She had taken advice from her most senior advisers — notably Sir Clifford Boulton, the Clerk of the House — and during the Mr Mates's 30-minute statement she was receiving whispered advice.

Yet, despite all her preparation, Miss Boothroyd was unable to impose her will on the muscular Mr Mates. At first, she "hesitated" to intervene but reminded the former minister that Mr Nadir was facing charges on which he might stand trial. Then, as Mr Mates protested about the seizure of documents at Polly Peck's headquarters, Miss Boothroyd intervened again to say: "I caution him we have our *sub judice* rules in this House and I will see they are carried out."

Mr Mates replied: "I hear what you say. Please trust me."

At that point, Mr Mates appeared to be close to surrender, but he emerged as the victor in a second group of exchanges as Labour MPs, particularly those on the left of the party, rallied to his side. After Clare Short, the Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood, unsuccessfully sought to raise a point of order in his defence, the Hampshire East MP invoked the legendary freedoms of the Commons to have his say.

In words echoing Speaker Lenthall's rebuke to Charles I when the monarch came to the House to arrest five MPs for treason, Mr Mates protested to Labour cheers: "If one cannot speak in this place — not about innocence or guilt, not about the rule *sub judice* — but what is wrong with the system, then what is the point?"

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Lyell says fair trial assured

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE attorney-general last night made clear that in his view Michael Mates's allegations were no obstacle to Asil Nadir receiving a fair trial.

Sir Nicholas Lyell QC told the BBC that he was "reasonably confident that by the time Mr Nadir comes to trial a jury will be capable of dealing with this".

Earlier, on the BBC, Sir Nicholas also pointed out that matters raised by Mr Mates were to do with the "preparation and background to the handling of the trial".

Sir Nicholas's view was supported by lawyers last night who said that Mr Mates's Commons statement did not, of itself, rule out the possibility of a fair trial taking place some time in the future. But if flagrant breaches of procedures by the prosecution were substantiated, that could prevent a trial going ahead.

A House of Lords ruling only last week confirmed the power of courts to look at the behaviour of prosecuting authorities and halt criminal proceedings if the authorities have deliberately breached procedures.

David Pannick QC, a leading barrister, said: "The standard approach of the English judiciary is that juries can be trusted on the basis of the evidence they hear in court, to reach the right verdict.

"The fact that they have heard something in Parliament, or read something in the newspapers, many months or even years before, would not adversely affect the fairness of the trial."

Mr Pannick added that the judge in such a case would take care to direct the jury not to be influenced by anything read or heard.

However if Mr Nadir's case did come to trial, courts could consider the behaviour of prosecuting authorities in deciding whether to allow a prosecution to proceed.

Mr Pannick said that even if there was a risk in Mr Mates's comments of prejudicing the trial, that would be outweighed by the public interest in people, especially in Parliament, being able to debate any serious allegations that might be made about the actions of prosecuting authorities.

Bothered Betty all in a tizzy

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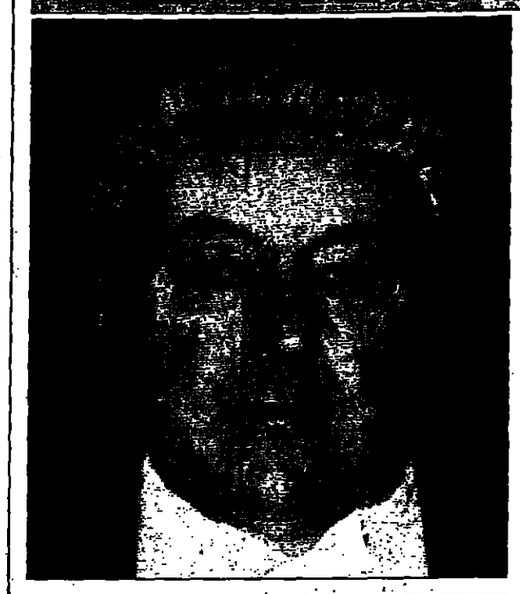
more flustered. "I'm embarrassed," Mates told her. "*I'm* embarrassed," she said. Everyone was embarrassed.

The press were confused. Journalists like to hunt as a pack, pursuing obvious quarry over familiar terrain. Now we were unsure who was the quarry, where the hunt was going and whether everyone was unhinged. "Please trust me," said Mates to Miss Boothroyd, who was yapping away as though the personal dilemma were hers and Colonel Mates was in the Chair.

And the Labour party were reviewing the situation. "The system," said Mates, was to blame. Labour pricked up their ears. The *System*? Mates was attacking The System? Why then, they were on his side. "An independent enquiry" was needed, he continued. An enquiry? "Hear, hear," they chorused.

And so it was that Colonel Mates entered as the establishment's booby, and left as the people's friend.

LEGAL PLAYERS







☐ **Sir Richard Tucker**, 62, the High Court judge put in charge of the Polly Peck fraud case, has already reportedly rejected as "outrageous" allegations that he was a target of a plot to pervert the course of justice. The allegations were first put to him earlier this year by senior government lawyers when they were under investigation by the Director of Public Prosecutions' office.

Yesterday, Mr Justice Tucker was sitting on judicial review cases in the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand. His clerk said he would not be prepared to comment on Mr Mates's allegations. He was appointed to the High Court bench in July 1985. In his career at the Bar he built up a reputation as a skilled advocate and was defence counsel in the Carl Bridgewater trial.

☐ **Sir Nicholas Lyell QC** took over the top law officer's post from Sir Patrick Mayhew QC in April last year, having been Solicitor General since 1987. His manner is quiet and low key compared with his flamboyant predecessor. As attorney-general he has found himself thrust into political controversy, most recently over Mr Mates's approaches about Asil Nadir. He came under fire over his advice to ministers in the Matrix-Churchill affair when he said they had no choice but to resist disclosure of documents, and over advice to the government over the social opt-out clause of the Maastricht bill. He was educated at Oxford, practised in industrial and commercial law, and is a former chairman of the Society of Conservative Lawyers. He faces huge losses at Lloyd's.

☐ **Anthony Scrivener QC**, 57, is one of the few top silks who have became household names. One of the highest-earning QCs in the country — he is reputed to have won the first £1 million brief on a Hong Kong case — he was the first Bar chairman in the populist mould. The son of a Canterbury ironmonger, he is non-Oxbridge and from a grammar school background. He is down-to-earth and outspoken in his criticism of the legal system's defects and in defence of any individual at its receiving end. Known at the Bar as "Scriv", he did much to raise the profile and image of the Bar, where he still takes on legal aid and civil liberties work alongside his high-profile briefs. Recently married for a second time to Singapore-born Ying Hui Tan, a barrister and law reporter.

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'If one cannot speak in this place about what



■ **These are edited extracts of Michael Mates's personal statement to the House, with interruptions by Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker. To her own embarrassment, she repeatedly broke the rule that such statements are heard in silence**



IN A lengthy and dramatic personal statement, Michael Mates, the former Northern Ireland security minister, explained yesterday to the Commons the background to his involvement with Asil Nadir.

Referring to his gift of a watch to the fugitive businessman, Mr Mates said: "I was guilty of one foolish indiscretion and I have done nothing else improper. I hope that when this whole story is told, this House will consider that throughout this affair I have acted as an honourable member."

On a number of occasions, the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, interrupted Mr Mates to warn him about the Commons sub-judice rule, which prevents MPs saying anything that might influence a court of law.

Mr Mates said:

"This is the third, and I trust the last, personal statement upon resignation that this House will hear during this session. I did not want to make it. I did not want to resign. But now I can at least explain what I have been doing and why. . .

During these past weeks I have kept silent, kept faith with the system and said nothing without the express permission of Number 10. I have no criticism in this matter of the prime minister — far from it — or of the government, nor of the two attorneys-general with whom I corresponded.

But I do have something to say about the law enforcement agencies which, when the House has heard me, will I hope cause the government to set up an urgent independent enquiry into what has happened.

I do not know whether Mr Asil Nadir is innocent or guilty, and no part of any of my representations have sought either to plead his innocence or try to establish it. That is for the courts. . .

The House may have heard how my involvement began in the autumn of 1991, through a constituent who brought me details of alleged wrong-doing by the authorities in the case of Mr Nadir. I asked to meet Mr Nadir himself. This was the first time I had met him or anyone associated with his businesses. He gave me his account of what had happened and was able to corroborate most of what he said. Some of his complaints concerned his advisers in the City; others concerned official institutions, the Inland Revenue, the Serious Fraud Office and the police. . .

With Mr Nadir's permission, I spoke to Mr Anthony Scrivener QC, until recently chairman of the Bar. It is clear that the defence team were concerned at some of the matters which had arisen during the course of the prosecution.

He confirmed that he and the attorney-general should be made aware of what was going on. I met the then attorney to express my concern. At his request I then wrote to him the first of the letters that have brought me to the position in which I find myself today. The only person who had copies of those letters are the attorney-general, Mr Nadir and the SFO. It is a matter perhaps of speculation as to who leaked the letter to the press last week. It was claimed that I was embarrassed by this leak. Far from it. I had asked the attorney-general's permission to publish all of the correspondence between us because I felt it was the only way to bring out into the open the reason for my involvement.

The attorney-general indicated that this might give him some difficulty. I respected that view and will continue to do so, although I would readily make this correspondence available to any enquiry.

Of course, I understand why the press would publish a letter or any other material that was leaked to them. I make no criticism of them for that. I just ask that, with me gone, enquiring journalists will now ask the question: why was material being selectively leaked to them? Whose agenda was being served by its publication?

Why were the SFO talking to the press? The other law departments remain commendably tight lipped and leak proof while the SFO speak to the press and are prepared to be quoted.

For example, and I quote, 'We kept asking why he is doing all this,' a senior SFO source said to a newspaper. 'There was growing irritation at the repeated need to provide information enabling the attorney-general to respond to the points raised by Mates.'

Many have asked why I became involved in this case, and why I continued my involvement after I joined the government. I must say at once that on the latter point I took careful advice that it was proper for me to pursue this matter as a minister.

Let me simply lay out the facts as they presented to me at the beginning, and as they developed in the months that followed. . . I start with the raid on South Audley Management, a property management company controlled by Mr Nadir's family, on September 19, 1991. This raid was highly publicised; the press and television had been warned in advance and were in attendance when the raid took place. Inevitably, the publicity surrounding the raid had a serious effect on the share price of Polly Peck

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Jewel in the justice crown lacks lustre

Attack by Mates mirrors general criticism of SFO

BY ANGELA MACKAY

■ The Serious Fraud Office has won just six high profile convictions. Its director favours the introduction of plea bargaining

MICHAEL Mates' extraordinary attack on the Serious Fraud Office in the Commons yesterday reinforces criticism that has bedevilled the unit since it was established six years ago.

While the allegations may prove unfounded, they mirror general concern about the performance of the SFO, which had been presented to Parliament as the jewel in the crown of the Criminal Justice Act 1987.

Critics claim the SFO, which has had three directors since its inception, has been slow to get big cases to trial, over-anxious to level as many charges as possible and defensive about the public's poor response to its repeated failure to obtain convictions in high-profile trials.

Asil Nadir's trial is set to start in October, more than three years after the SFO mounted an initial dawn raid on South Audley Management, a Nadir family company, and removed documents. There is still no trial date for defendants in the BCCI, Maxwell and Brent Walker cases.

Opposition MPs and others have lambasted the SFO for failing to produce convictions, despite wide powers and specialist staff. Moreover, a series of leaks has meant that Britain's media has often been on hand when the SFO has embarked on a raid, for instance, the dawn arrest of Kevin Maxwell and the raid on Control Securities in October 1991.

Even though the SFO has a 64 per cent success rate overall, its performance is judged mainly on its handling of complex fraud cases involving hundreds of millions of pounds. It was these scandals that provided the impetus to establish the SFO.

In the three big City fraud cases since the SFO was formed, 26 individuals and three companies were charged but only six convicted. Apart from the four convictions in the first Guinness case, the only other guilty verdicts that gained wide attention were those of the two defendants in the Barlow Clowes trial.

The judges in the Blue Arrow trial and Guinness 3 — the trial of American lawyer Thomas Ward — were critical of the length of the trial, the number of charges and what appeared to be dithering about disclosure.

George Staple, director of the SFO for just over a year, has already recommended changes to the royal commission on criminal justice, including extended disclosure rules and the introduction of a form of plea bargaining. He also supports greater use of self-regulatory authorities, such as Imro and Fimbra, to censure wrongdoers.

At present, the complexity of certain cases and the long time before matters come to trial encourage defendants to plead not guilty on the "many a slip" principal, according to a barrister who has appeared against the SFO.

The powers of the SFO to compel suspects and other investigators to answer questions were undermined recently in a test case involving one of the defendants in the Maxwell case. During a section 2 interview, interviewees lose the right to silence, but a ruling in February this year has put limits on the SFO's room to manoeuvre and means each case must be decided on its merits. The SFO is seeking a judicial review of this ruling because it believes it attacks one of the SFO's central information gathering powers.

According to the SFO's 1992-93 annual report, 882 notices were issued under section 2 of the Criminal Justice Act requiring people to give information and produce documents. Failure to comply is a criminal offence. Each new interview or document requires a notice so there is a high proportion of overlap, particularly on the bigger cases. By far the biggest number of notices were sent to banks last year, followed by companies. About 218 notices went to individuals and 115 to solicitors, accountants and liquidators conducting their own enquiries.

The SFO does not take on cases where the size of the fraud is less than £5 million. At the beginning of 1992-3, the SFO had 60 active cases in which the estimated value of the alleged frauds was £5.3 billion. By April, there were 57 active cases with an aggregate value of £6.2 billion.

During the year, 18 cases were referred but only nine were accepted, with the biggest sources of referral being the department of trade and the police.



Nadir prepares next stage of media campaign

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN LAPTA, NORTHERN CYPRUS

ASIL Nadir has told associates in northern Cyprus and London that he will launch the next phase of his campaign to clear his name and reveal more details about his alleged links with the government over the next 48 hours.

"He was waiting to hear exactly how far Michael Mates would go at Westminster before going on the record again," Elizabeth Forsyth, his former financial adviser who met him yesterday, said. "I expect documents and possibly tapes will be used, depending on how he judges the reaction."

Mr Nadir has said that he feels no guilt about Mr Mates's resignation. He no longer wears the watch that Mr Mates gave him, with its notorious inscription, instead using a more expensive one.

The public relations firm Morgan & Rogerson has been assisting Mr Nadir in the presentation of his case, which many of his associates here believe could have been handled better. Colleagues of Mr Nadir also claim he has evidence to expose alleged wrong-doing on the part of the Inland Revenue in the collapse of his Polly Peck empire.

The BBC and ITN have television crews in northern Cyprus awaiting the promised interviews. Pressure will be put on the fugitive tycoon to name the other Tory MPs, in addition to Mr Mates, Michael Heseltine and Peter Brooke, who took up cudgels on his behalf with the attorney-general.

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Office accused of alerting the press before raids and arrest

BY A STAFF REPORTER

MICHAEL Mates made a series of allegations against the Serious Fraud Office.

He alleged that:

☐ The raid on South Audley Management, a Nadir family company, was highly publicised to the media and ultimately forced down the price of shares in Polly Peck, Mr Nadir's master company that went into administration two months later owing nearly £2 billion.

☐ The press was invited by the SFO to a raid at Polly Peck's headquarters in Berkeley Square a month later.

☐ The SFO tipped off the press that Mr Nadir was going to be arrested at Heathrow airport in 1990.

☐ Police visited northern Cyprus and asked questions about Polly Peck and Mr Nadir.

☐ There was evidence of improper collusion between a senior Inland Revenue officer and the SFO. Mr Mates said he could provide evidence.

☐ Mr Nadir's right of professional privilege was violated because the SFO opened the bags of documents seized before Mr Nadir's counsel viewed them.

☐ Mr Nadir's defence papers were seized by the trustee in bankruptcy during a raid on his house in March.

☐ Improper pressure was exerted by the SFO on the trial judge, Mr Justice Tucker, warranting an independent enquiry. Police investigated a complaint that there was a conspiracy to bribe the judge. Later the chief superintendent investigating said in court under cross examination that he had never had any evidence to justify interviewing Mr Justice Tucker.

☐ Counsel for the SFO suggested the suspected conspirators in the matter included Mr Nadir, the assistant police commissioner Wyn Jones, Anthony Scrivener QC and Mr Justice Tucker. He suggested there was a deliberate attempt to destabilise the defence.

A central figure in Mr Mates' decline and resignation was Christopher Morgan, a public relations consultant who had advised Mr Nadir for the past two years. Only when Mr Nadir fled did Mr Morgan take on a high public profile, appearing at his side in Northern Cyprus and fielding questions from the company's Covent Garden offices.

The disclosure that Mr Mates had dinner at the Reform Club with Mr Morgan last Wednesday evening is widely credited with being "the last straw" in terms of support from Tory backbenchers.

Mark Rogerson, Mr Morgan's partner, who first approached Mr Mates as a constituent on Mr Nadir's behalf with complaints over the role of the SFO, would say little last night other than to confirm that Mr Morgan was out of the country.

John Clitheroe, of the legal firm Kingsley Napley, which is representing Mr Jones, said Mr Jones was out of the country taking a break after last week's publicity surrounding his suspension.

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International, or PPI as I shall refer to it. The following day, the 20th, Mr Nadir was asked to go to the SFO headquarters in Elm Street for an interview during which his presence was announced to the press. This resulted in an inevitable blaze of publicity as he left the building.

On October 30, 1990, the SFO mounted a highly publicised raid on the headquarters of PPI in Berkeley Square. In fact, ten minutes before the police arrived journalists had knocked on the door and told PPI staf they were there in answer to an invitation from the SFO.

But there's a further point. By that time PPI was already in administration. By arrangement with the administrators the SFO had already had full access to PPI headquarters and to all the documents there. Their people were already working inside the building. The SFO were effectively launching a raid, in the full glare of publicity, against the administrators. This clearly had a cumulative effect on the public's perception of both PPI and Mr Nadir.

When Mr Nadir returned from a trip abroad to assist the administrators the media were given advance warning of the intention to arrest him at the airport, so they were in force to watch the event.

A process of what some might call 'trial by media' had begun. Trial by jury, however, was still a long way off. Continual complaints were made by the defence at the delay before transfer from the magistrates' court. At one hearing the director of the SFO indicated through counsel that it was for him to decide when the case was ready for transfer, not the magistrate.

For their part, the SFO have consistently maintained that their investigations, and thus their ability to bring the case to trial, have been hampered and delayed by their inability to operate in Turkish-controlled Northern Cyprus...

There seems, too, to be some inconsistency over who made the complaints which the SFO were investigating. The present charges do not arise as a result of a complaint by the Stock Exchange and there is evidence of improper collusion between a senior officer of the Inland Revenue and the SFO...

Mr Nadir and his advisers believe that he has been denied the opportunity properly to prepare his defence. They also believe that he has in the process been denied his rights under the law." At this point the Speaker, interrupted him for the first time.

"I hesitate to interrupt the hon member, but he should bear in mind that Mr Nadir still stands charged with serious offences in this country on which at some future date he may stand trial.

"In accordance with the House's strict rules on matters of sub judice, I hope he will not follow in detail the line on which he now appears to be embarking..."

Mr Mates: "Indeed I am happy to do so. I can assure you and the House I have had this script looked at carefully by a senior lawyer with exactly that in mind."

After several more interruptions by the Speaker and explanations by Mr Mates that he was solely concerned with the handling of the case, the Speaker again interrupted. "I am now requiring the hon member to resume his seat. He must resume his seat."

Mr Mates responded: "If one cannot come to the House and tell them what is wrong with the system, if one cannot speak in this place not about innocence or guilt, not about the trial, not about sub judice, but what has gone wrong with the system, what is the point?"

The Speaker: "It is at the trial he must give this information. That is the point."

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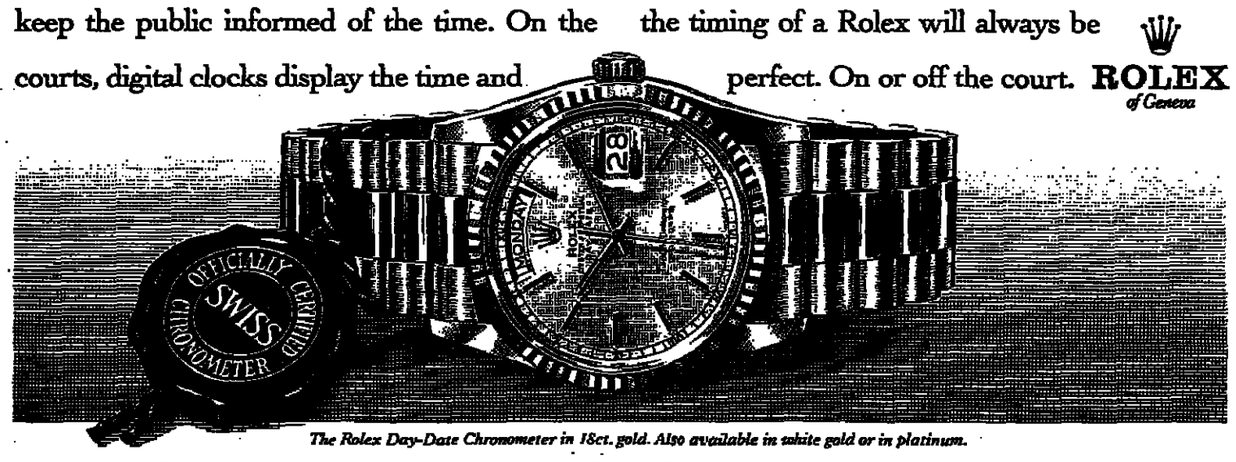
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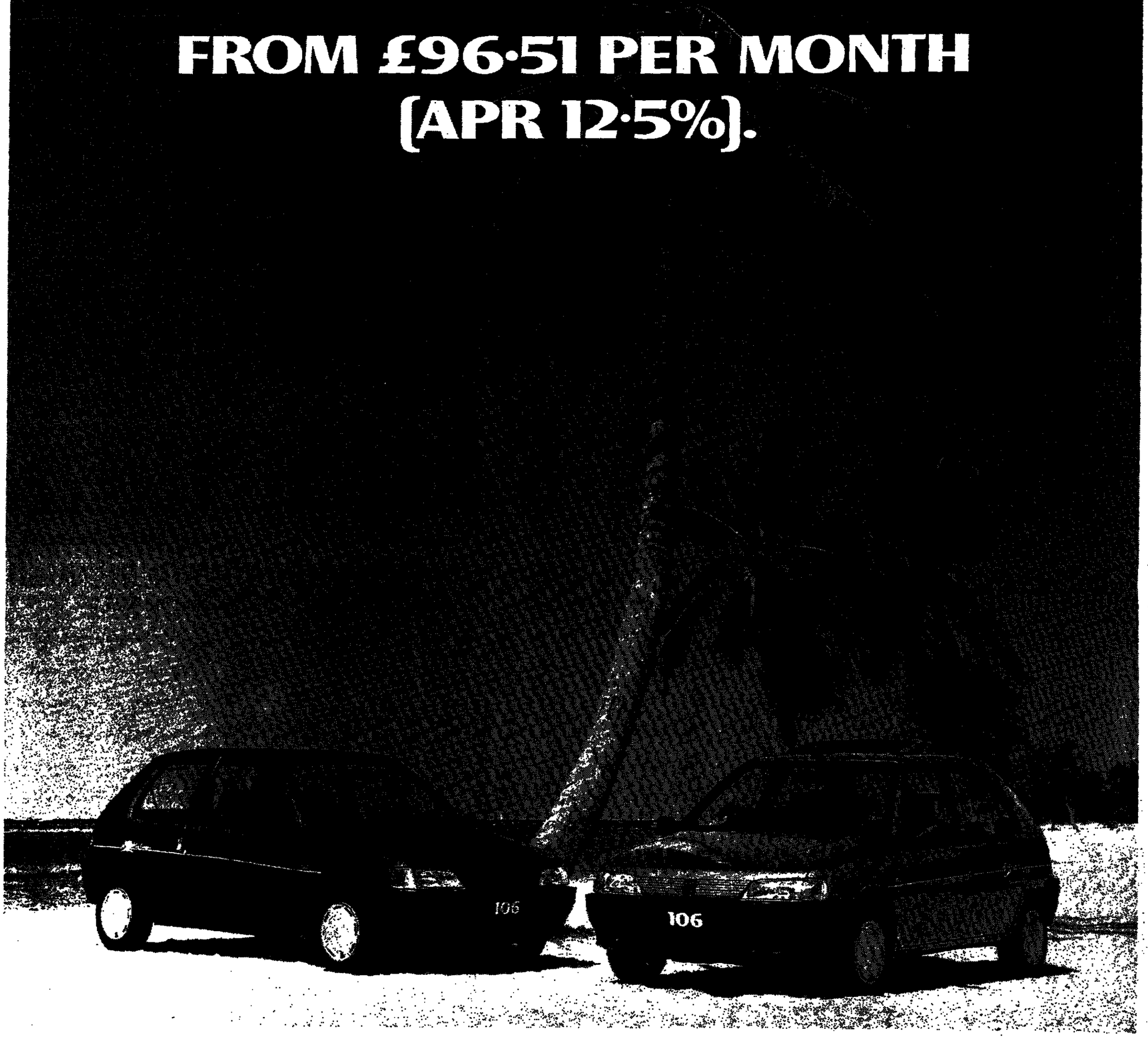


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Four hurt in incident at Group 4 prison

A disturbance at Britain's first privatised jail, run by Group 4, was being investigated by police last night. Two staff were taken to hospital with injuries after they tried to quell the trouble and two inmates were reported to have suffered from smoke inhalation at the Wolds remand centre, Everthorpe, Humberside.

Part of the prison was evacuated for a short time and men were moved to other blocks after a prisoner started a blaze. A Group 4 spokesman said the incident, on Monday night, happened when an inmate attacked a member of staff in protest at having to appear in court. Humberside police have set up an incident room and a team of 25 officers is to interview staff, inmates, firement and ambulance personnel. The jail opened more than a year ago and has recently been the visited by Judge Tumim, chief inspector of prisons.

Grenade blast man dies

One of three people seriously injured in the weekend grenade explosion in West Belfast died from his wounds yesterday. Brian McCallum, 26, from Belfast, a member of the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force, was holding the grenade which police believe he had planned to throw at them when it exploded, injuring up to 30 other people. The incident occurred during an Orange parade on the Shankill Road, which police had earlier re-routed away from Roman Catholic areas to avoid a clash with Republicans.

Rail users surveyed

Most rail passengers expect privatisation of British Rail to bring increases in fares and reductions in off-peak services, a survey by *Which?* magazine, published today, suggests. Seven out of ten InterCity users and eight out of ten Network SouthEast commuters expect privatisation to push prices up. Those who expect fewer trains to run outside rush hours numbered 57 per cent and 65 per cent respectively. But the survey shows that passengers are more satisfied with British Rail's performance than they were four years ago.

Water chief's inquest

An inquest at Poplar, east London, recorded an open verdict on Sir Roy Watts, 67, the chairman of Thames Water, whose body was recovered from the Thames in London on May 4. The coroner, Dr Douglas Chambers, said no one had seen him enter the water or had heard him suggest that he might take his own life.

BNFL ruling reserved

A judge in the High Court reserved judgment on the long-running damages claim against British Nuclear Fuels Ltd over alleged links between childhood cancers and radiation from the Sellafield reprocessing plant in Cumbria. The case involves the death of a 10-month-old girl from leukaemia in 1962 and illness suffered by another girl, now 27.

Oldest pair celebrate



Britain's oldest citizen, Daisy Adams, right, celebrates her 113th birthday today — the day after Bill Proctor, the oldest man in the country, entertained soldiers from his former regiment at his 108th birthday party. Mrs Adams lives in a nursing home at Church Gresley, Derbyshire. She says "clean living" brought her longevity. Mr Proctor lives in a home at New Ferry, Merseyside.

Violence plea rejected

The government has rejected demands by the Commons home affairs select committee for the law on provocation to be changed. The committee wanted to give more protection to battered wives who turn on their husbands. But ministers may launch a national publicity campaign to curb brutality in the home and also fund a survey into domestic violence.

Marquess of Bristol supplied hard drugs, court is told

BY JAMES LANDALE

THE Marquess of Bristol allegedly kept cocaine and heroin in the false bottom of a furniture polish can and could not go more than two hours without a fix, a court was told yesterday.

He allegedly used a rolled up banknote to snort cocaine and heroin off a car dashboard during long journeys, a jury at Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, heard.

Christopher Ball QC, for the prosecution, alleged that the marquess, 38, regularly supplied his friend James Whitby with the substances and also gave cocaine to Patrick Donovan during a shoot at his home at Ickworth House, near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, during December 1990, the court heard.

The marquess, charged in the name of Frederick John Hervey, denies two charges of supplying cocaine and one of supplying heroin between September 1990 and October 1991.

The alleged offences came to light after Bruce Smith, who was helping the marquess, a classic car enthusiast, develop plans for a motor museum at Ickworth House, fell out with him and told police that the peer was allegedly involved with drugs.

Opening the case for the prosecution, Mr Ball said witnesses would show how the marquess, whose estate is estimated to be worth £20 million, had a serious addiction. He said the prosecution's case was that the marquess supplied the drugs from his personal stores and not in the "drug peddling" sense.

Mr Ball told the court that Mr Smith became aware that the marquess suffered from mood swings and dramatic personality changes from lethargy and depression to hyperactivity.

The two men often drove long distances to vehicle auctions, said Mr Ball. "During the course of such journeys, such was the degree of addiction of the defendant, it was necessary to stop every couple of hours or so, and the defendant, pulling into a service station or cafe, would go off to a lavatory and on his return, from being subdued and lethargic, he would be excitable and alert," Mr Ball alleged.

The court heard that on one journey, the marquess told Mr Smith to pull over. "He removed from his jacket a green leather pouch, put it on his lap, opened it and took out two bottles, one containing white powder and the other brown," Mr Ball said. The defendant poured a quantity of both on to the car's centre console, "took a banknote, rolled it up and snorted the drugs".

"He explained the white powder was cocaine, which 'gets me going, I don't function without it'. Of the brown powder, heroin, he said, 'This slows me down a bit, makes me more mellow'."

Mr Ball alleged that on many occasions the marquess shared drugs with Mr Whitby, who also lived at Ickworth House. Mr Ball claimed that Mr Smith had witnessed a coded language between Mr Whitby, who was also apparently addicted to drugs, and the defendant, with Mr Whitby telling the marquess: "I need to freshen up, John."

He said the jury would also hear about a furniture polish can in which the marquess allegedly kept his drugs. It allegedly had a false bottom with a padded lining. The police raided Ickworth House in October 1991 and found evidence of drug taking. The trial continues today.



The Marquess of Bristol outside court yesterday

'Polite' burglar is thanked

BY IAN MURRAY

LADY O'Neill, widow of Lord O'Neill of the Maine, the former prime minister of Northern Ireland, yesterday described one of three hooded burglars who tied her up and robbed her as "quite a nice young man".

The gang broke into her home at Lymington, Hampshire, on Monday evening and stole £10,000 worth of silver and family heirlooms.

But the same "polite" burglar is believed to have telephoned police later to tell them that a lady called "Rosie O'Neill" had been tied up at the house. Det Inspector Paul Dawson said: "He didn't want her to be tied up for hour upon hour. At least one of them had some decency."

Lady O'Neill, 78, was watching Wimbledon on television when the burglars grabbed her from behind and tied her to a chair. She said yesterday: "One of the three men was with me all the time. Despite the circumstances, I think he was quite a nice young man. He apologised for what they were doing and he was considerate for my comfort."

Lady O'Neill said, however, that she had been saddened and deeply upset by the loss of so many treasured heirlooms. The gang escaped in her red Mazda car, which was later found abandoned. After an hour, she managed to free herself and call the police.

ITV to hold fire on News at Ten move

BY ALEXANDRA FRRAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

INDEPENDENT television companies are bowing to growing opposition to their plans to move *News at Ten* to an earlier time following the intervention of the prime minister and intense lobbying from staff at ITN.

In a letter to Sir George Russell, chairman of the Independent Television Commission, John Major expressed grave concern about the plans.

He wrote: "It is important that Channel 3 continues to provide a high quality news service and that it competes effectively with the service provided by the BBC throughout peak viewing hours."

Mr Major added: "The government does not seek to intervene in programme content or the editorial judgment of broadcasters."

A plan by ITV to bring forward *News at Ten* to leave peak time clear for films and drama has provoked a public outcry, including protests from nearly 100 MPs.

Now Michael Green, chairman of Carlton Television, is expected to ask the independent companies to shelve the plan for approximately one month to allow further time for discussion.

He will make the request when ITV chief executives meet next Monday to ratify the move. As chairman both of Carlton and of ITN, the company which produces *News at Ten*, Mr Green is a key player.

His apparent change of heart follows the receipt last week of a letter from Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, on which Mr Brooke scribbled the words: "Given the Parliamentary dimension to all this (broadcasting), I hope that the *News at Ten* move is not going to be counter-productive."

Mr Green is also believed to have been swayed by a meeting on Monday night with ITN staff, including Trevor McDonald, *News at Ten's* anchorman, Michael Brunson, the programme's political editor, and David Gordon, ITN's chief executive. The journalists urged him to introduce a one month moratorium. The ITC confirmed yesterday that it was taking legal advice on the issue.

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Man loses £50,000 in centre court fraud

BY LIN JENKINS

THE All England tennis club is to take legal action after uncovering a £50,000 tickets fraud involving 35 prime Wimbledon seats.

A German businessman paid the sum on the black market through an unauthorised ticket agency to watch centre court play one day this week. The man, an executive with an international company based in Britain, had his tickets confiscated days before he was to take his party to the tournament.

The discovery is the largest made by the club and the police in its third year of concerted effort to end the black market in tickets.

Twenty out of 30 ticket touts summonsed for trading without a licence are to appear before Wimbledon magistrates tomorrow. Six more have been arrested and more than 100 more cautioned.

Officials at the club said yesterday they had discovered both stolen and invalid resold tickets. They had been seized before they were presented at the gate, at the time of presentation and after they had been used. "We will be taking legal action in all cases as a deterrent to others and to persuade people not to buy them," a spokeswoman said. Details of how the invalid tickets are identified remain secret.

The German businessman bought his tickets in breach of the conditions from an agency in the Home Counties. Keith Prowse and Sportsworld are the only authorised agencies and can sell tickets only as part of a hospitality package.



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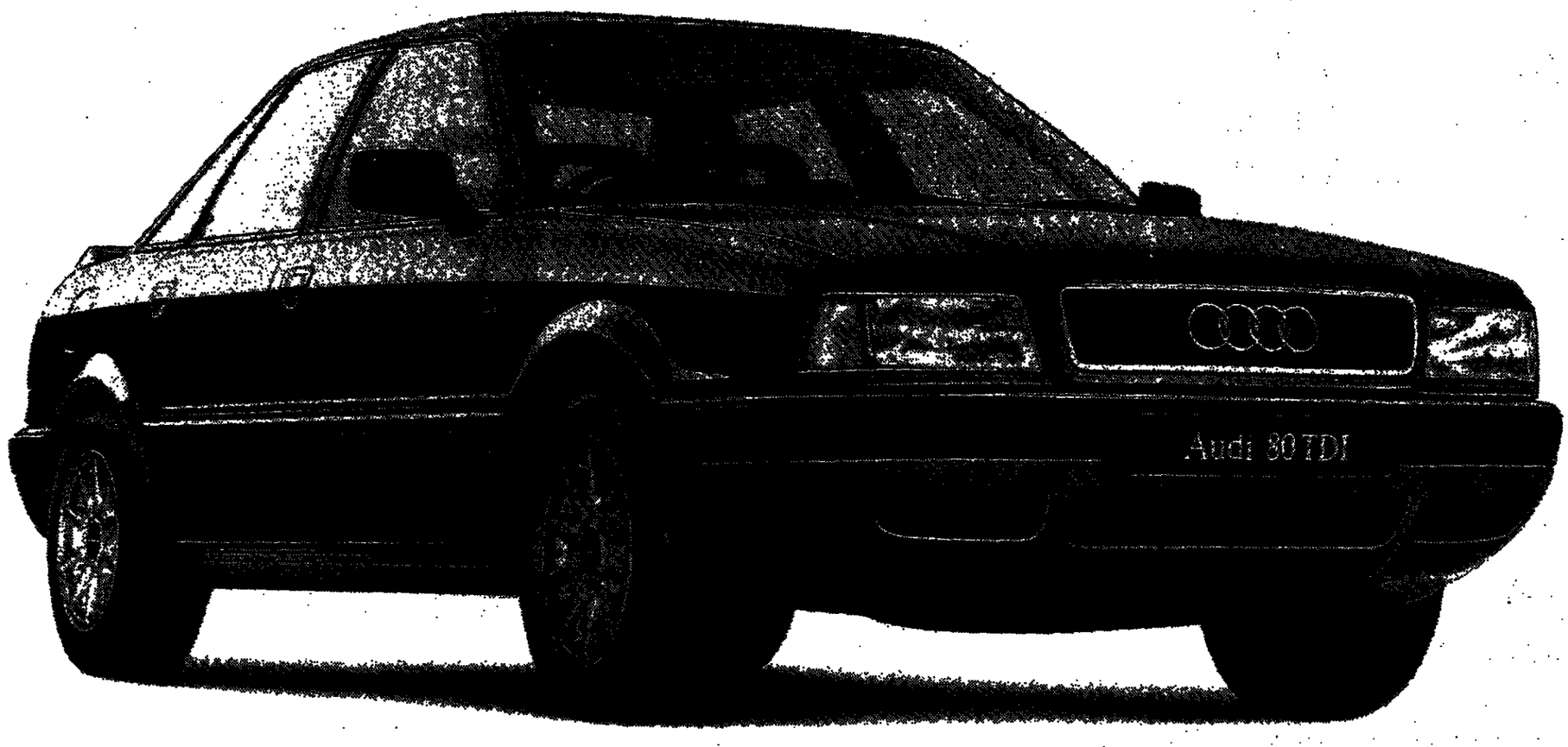
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BMA conference: doctors and their leaders find little room for agreement on moral issues

Picking a baby's sex 'could harm society'

By Jeremy Laurence
Health Services Correspondent

■ Doctors have rejected the idea that couples should be allowed to choose a boy or girl child on purely social grounds

COUPLES should not be allowed to choose the sex of their children because of the risk that it could cause personal and social harm, doctors decided yesterday.

In defiance of their leaders, who found no ethical objection to sex selection, doctors at the British Medical Association's annual conference in Torquay, Devon, rejected the practice where it is carried out for social reasons but allowed it on medical grounds, like avoiding a sex-linked disease.

The BMA's leaders will now have to alter evidence they planned to give to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, which is investigating sex selection. New techniques for selecting the sex of babies by sifting out sperm carrying the male Y chromosome are advancing rapidly and a gender-selection clinic opened in Hendon, north London, last January. *In vitro* fertilisation clinics can also identify the sex of embryos and replace only those of one gender in the womb.

Showing a clear distaste for any development that smacks of eugenics — the attempt to improve the population by control of inherited qualities — the meeting rejected an appeal from the association's leaders to make respect for patients' wishes the paramount consideration. Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, chairman of the BMA council, said: "We should come down on the side of patient choice and autonomy rather than playing God."

Dr Caroline Marriott, of the association's medical ethics committee, told the meeting that where a couple was undergoing *in vitro* fertilisation and embryos of both sexes were available for implantation, there was no reason why they should not be allowed to choose which were replaced.

However, Dr John Chawner, chairman of the consultants' committee, who said he was speaking from his experience as a practicing obstetrician, said: "The techniques would be most used by people who have a totally unacceptable view of the inferior role of women in society, often for religious reasons."

Evidence from the first gender-selection clinics in America, Asia and Europe shows that 236 couples chose boys compared with 15 girls.

Dr Peter Liu, a founder of the London Gender Clinic, said last night: "We don't think we are acting unethically. We think we are offering a service to couples to help them complete their families."



Sex selection studies: techniques for choosing gender are advancing rapidly as continued research takes place

Legalising euthanasia rejected

By Our Health Services Correspondent

DOCTORS accused BMA leaders of ignoring the tide of public opinion, which is moving in favour of euthanasia, by refusing to support its legalisation. But critics of euthanasia warned that legalisation would undermine patients' trust in their doctors.

Dr Stuart Horner, chairman of the association's ethics committee, described euthanasia as murder and said there was "conclusive evidence" that patients in the Netherlands, where euthanasia is tolerated, were being "put to sleep" at the request of relatives.

"If the state wants to be rid of the demented, frail or chronically sick because their care involves too much time, trouble and taxes, let it hire professional executioners, not cloak it under a spurious medical respectability," he said.

The conference voted to "categorically reject" the legalisation of euthanasia by a margin of 4-1.

Red tape blamed for job losses at Sellafield plant

By Ronald Faux

BRITISH Nuclear Fuels blamed bureaucratic delays when it announced yesterday proposals to cut 1,700 contract workers at the reprocessing plant at Sellafield, Cumbria.

The jobs at the thermal oxide plant will go over the next few weeks. Up to 1,500 white collar posts will also be scrapped through voluntary redundancy in the next two years at the company's headquarters in Risley, Cheshire.

The £3 billion Thorp complex, one of Europe's biggest construction projects, is ready to start, but the environment department has said it wants to hold further consultations on the need for the plant.

BNFL said yesterday the question of need had already been resolved and was self-evident from the company's £9 billion order book. "These further bureaucratic delays by the DoE and the pollution inspectorate [HMIP] policy branch could have been avoided with good management," the company said.

"They fly in the face of the prime minister's recent statements at the CBI annual dinner that the government must bend its energies to 'rolling back excessive red tape, rolling up our sleeves together with industry so that the government and business can build a new prosperity for our nation'."

The company said the decision to lay off the contract workers six months sooner than planned had been unavoidable. One thousand will go within the next two weeks and a further 700 shortly after. Already 600 have been laid off as a direct result of the eight-month delay created by HMIP and Maff to follow their own timetable.

The creation of around 1,000 extra jobs at Sellafield was also being delayed by a hold-up costing BNFL £2 million a week. The total cost of failing to meet the starting date of January 1 this year amounted to nearly £50 million.

The statement said: "Further delays in bringing this high technology project into operation are unnecessary and costly to BNFL, the people of west Cumbria, to the Exchequer and to the credibility of the UK as a reliable partner in international business. This decision is clearly of major concern to BNFL. But it is also a major concern for the whole of British industry and for the success of the prime minister's and Michael Heseltine's industrial strategy.

"No responsible industrialist is going to invest in new plant, when HMIP, Maff, the NRA or many other regulatory bodies might stop it operating after it has been built or close it down after a few years because a regulator decides that there is no longer any need for the plant."

Over half the orders placed with Thorp are from overseas and the company claims that at worst the plant would make a £500 million profit in its first ten years.

The need for Thorp was established by the Parker enquiry in 1977, which lasted 100 days, and by two parliamentary debates the following year. Public and scientific enquiry had established that there were no public health or environmental grounds for refusing permission to operate and 1,600 tonnes of used fuel from UK reactors is already in wet storage at Sellafield awaiting reprocessing.

The company says that discharges from Sellafield have been reduced to a few per cent of the peak figures registered in the 1970s. Last year the most exposed members of the public living around the Sellafield complex received a total radiation dose no higher than they would receive on a return flight to Singapore.

Scientists look at life in Loch Ness

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

SUMMER started in Scotland yesterday. Sunglasses were donned, sweaters discarded and the latest hunt for the Loch Ness monster got underway.

The people of Drumnadrochit on the shores of the loch are used to busloads of "scientists" from the US, Japan and the south of England armed with the latest sonar equipment decamping in their village.

But Project Urquhart, co-ordinated by the broadcaster Nicholas Witchell, includes some of Britain's most eminent scientists and natural historians. Dr Neil Chalmers, director of the Natural History Museum, and professor Gwynfryn Jones, director of the Freshwater Biological Association, intend to study the biology of the loch and see what kind of life forms it can support.

Although the project has accepted £110,000 of sponsorship from Discovery Channel Europe, a satellite television service that starts in July, all concerned insist the relationship will equally benefit scientific research and the need to satisfy the public's desire for monsters.



Chalmers: could loch support a monster?

Dr Chalmers has an open mind on the existence of Nessy, but he is more interested in the loch's microbe life. Part of his research will be on the relationship of predator and prey, indicating whether the loch could support a "higher predator".

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Planners push for Venice-on-Thames

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SANDY beaches in the shadow of Tower Bridge, Venetian-style bridges spanning tributaries and a floating walkway sporting cafes, markets and open-air swimming pools could soon be appearing along the Thames.

The ideas are included in an action plan, launched yesterday by the London Rivers Association, an alliance of local authorities, community groups, river users, environmentalists and artists, aimed at restoring the Thames to its former glory.

George Nicholson, association chairman, said yesterday the Thames and its arteries had been ruined by insensitive planning, mediocre design and ignorance. Many of the capital's 52 rivers and streams, including the Effra, which opens at Vauxhall, and the Fleet, had been concreted over and were little more than sewers.

"London's waterways have dismal settings rather than grand vistas, motorways where there should be river terraces and private walkways instead of pleasure gardens," Mr Nicholson said.

Under the association's 13-point scheme, inspired by the vision of Sir Patrick Abercrombie and his 1943 County of London plan, the Thames would become Britain's first urban national park. It would involve co-operation between leisure, planning, transport, industrial and ecological groups.

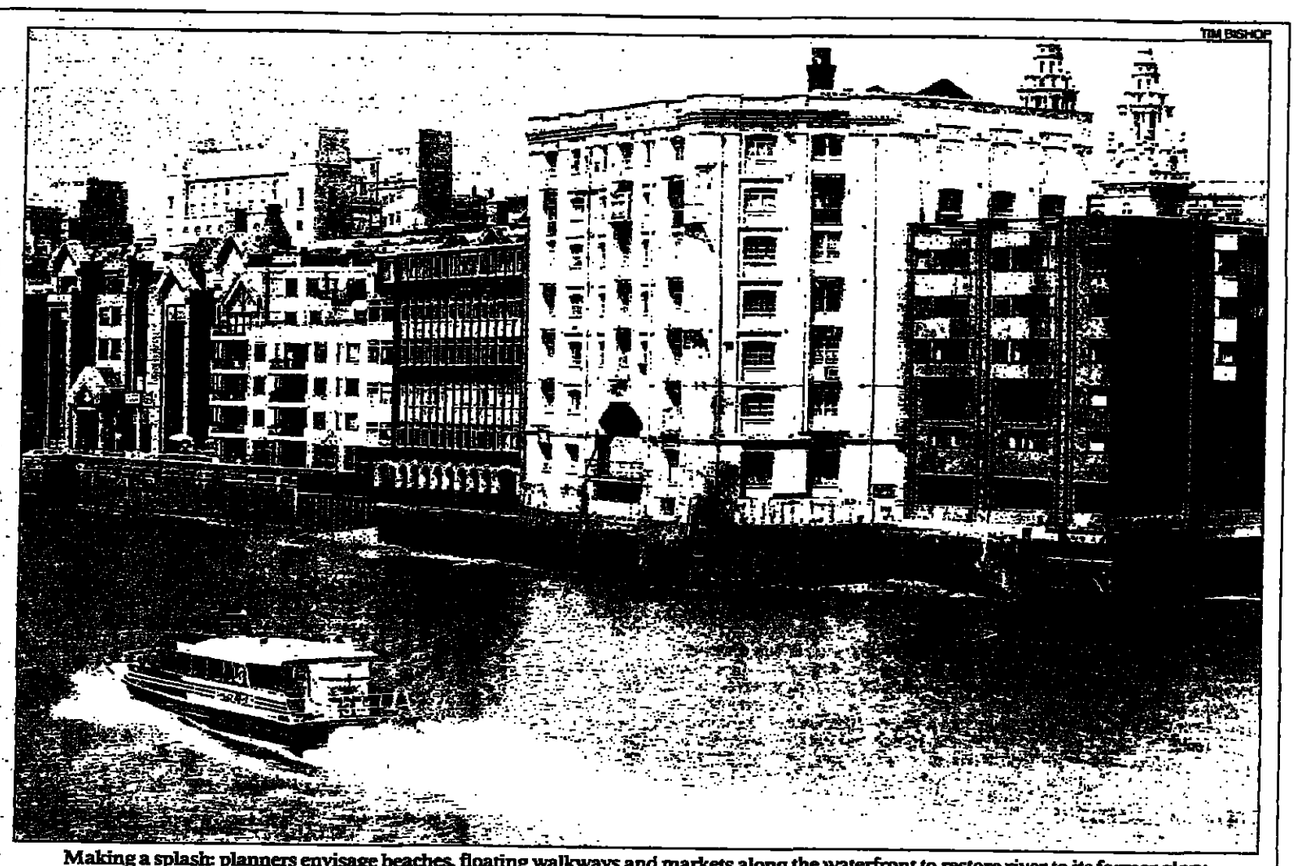
The proposals would ban developments on the foreshore and promote public access to the waterfront through a network of passages, slipways and steps, providing areas for sunbathing and paddling.

Other proposals include establishing a water festival to celebrate the Thames and a water trail linking nature walks, bicycle paths and boating routes.

One of the most ambitious schemes for the river has been devised by John Hackshaw, a developer and lawyer. A floating walkway next to the Victoria Embankment would run from the Palace of Westminster to St Paul's. Bays would be created at Charing Cross, Cleopatra's Needle and The Temple with ramps or steps linking the walkway up to the Embankment.

Geraint Ellis, a researcher with the association, said that the plan supported exploiting the river's potential as a transport system for aggregates, wastes and other heavy materials. Designating the Thames as a national park would also improve passenger services by integrating the river bus more effectively into the transport network.

Steve Norris, minister for transport in London, told the association's conference yesterday that the government was encouraging firms to take lorries off roads and on to inland waterways through a grant aided scheme. He said he had established the river Thames working group, which would investigate how more goods could be transferred on to the Thames.


TIM BISHOP

Making a splash: planners envisage beaches, floating walkways and markets along the waterfront to restore river to its former glory

Army seeks more land for training

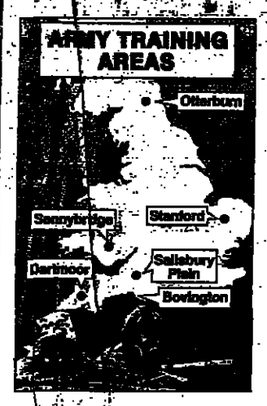
BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Ministry of Defence is searching for more army training land in Britain to cater for the 30,000 troops who are due to return home from Germany by 1995. The demand for land is already causing concern among environmental groups.

Lord Cranborne, the defence minister responsible for the army's training areas, promised yesterday to minimise the impact on local communities.

The army says it needs more land both for the troops withdrawing from Germany and for the heavier, longer-range weapon systems which are now in service.

The defence estate totals 600,000 acres, with further training rights over nearly



300,000 acres. The main army training areas are at Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire, Otterburn in Northumberland, Sennybridge in Powys, Stanford in Norfolk, Bovington in Dorset and Dartmoor.

The ministry already owns 93,000 acres on Salisbury Plain and 57,000 acres at Otterburn, the two biggest sites; it is looking for more in both these areas.

At Otterburn, the ministry is interested in a 400-acre conifer plantation considered ideal for infantry and artillery training. More than 1,000 acres are being bought at Salisbury Plain and two agricultural estates on the edge of the Stanford area are being examined.

Lord Cranborne said: "Many people believe that with the end of the Cold war the armed forces' training needs in the United Kingdom can be drastically reduced. But the reverse is true. We can no longer train to the same extent in other peoples' countries, so more and more of our training will have to be concentrated within the UK."

Lord Cranborne said the defence ministry was trying to convince the public of the need for more training land. "Fifty years ago, the army had 25lb guns which, if fired from Park Lane, would have reached West Kensington.

"Today, if you fired the new MLRS 2 from Park Lane it would reach Windsor Great Park. So you need huge areas of land for realistic training," he said.

The defence ministry claims a good record for environmental protection. Lord Cranborne said many birds, animals and wild flowers had flourished on the army's training lands "simply because the public is excluded".

The minister promised that before any big developments in training programmes were proposed, special environmental impact assessments would be commissioned and local communities consulted.

The ministry has also pledged to sell unwanted land and properties so there is no net increase in land ownership for training. However, the value of agricultural land has dropped dramatically and sales are in the doldrums, which could make it difficult for ministers to honour the pledge.

Lord Cranborne said sales of unwanted land could be substantial, but there remain huge sites, such as the Woolwich Arsenal, which are likely to stay on the ministry's books for a long time.

A spokeswoman for the Ramblers' Association said yesterday: "A National Audit Office report said 18 months ago that the defence minstry was under-utilising its training land, so we don't believe they need any more land. We're very concerned about it. We're also calling for all live firing to be taken out of national parks."

Eros sees 100 years of traffic and trouble

BY JOHN YOUNG

A BREAKFAST party was held yesterday to celebrate the 100th birthday of one of Britain's best-known landmarks, the statue of Eros in Piccadilly Circus, London.

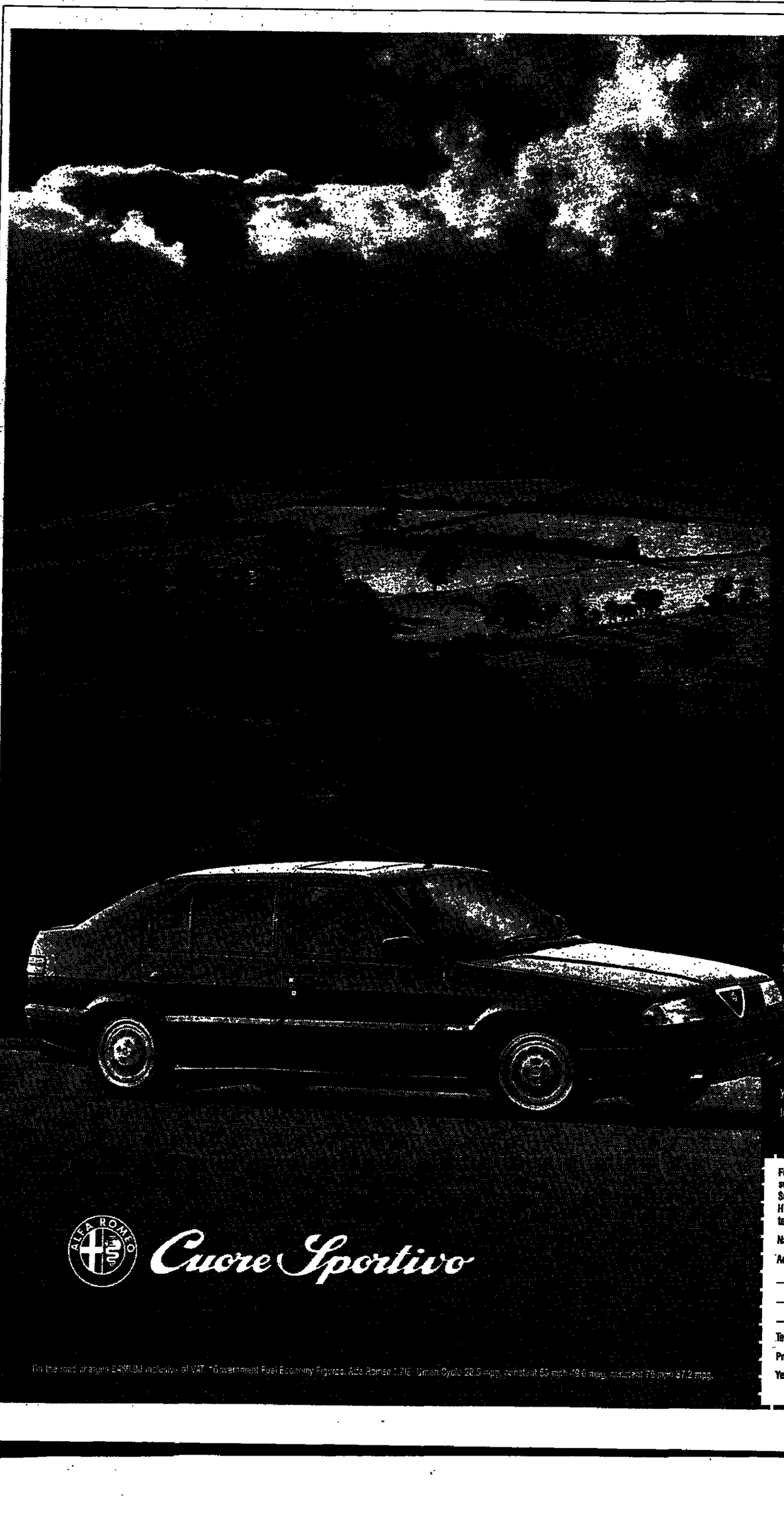
Joanna Lumley, the actress, cut a giant cake to a chorus of "Happy Birthday" from musicians from the Royal Academy and pupils from Aldenham school, Elstree, where the sculptor, Sir Alfred Gilbert, was a pupil.

The figure of Eros, the winged archer, was unveiled in 1893 by the then Duke of Westminster as a tribute to the seventh Earl of Shaftesbury, the philanthropist and social reformer. It was the first public statue in the world to be made of aluminium, and consists of 15 castings.

Its official name is the *Angel of Christian Charity*, but the public took it upon themselves to rename it after the Greek god of love. It was removed for safety during the two world wars.

After a £300,000 overhaul five years ago, the statue was badly damaged by vandals last December. The supporting left leg was repaired and strengthened and the whole figure given a crystalline wax finish to enhance its appearance and improve its resistance to weather and pollution.

Westminster City Council has promised that Eros will remain *in situ*, but with an improved security system. Robert Davis, chairman of the council's planning and development committee, said: "The statue means a great deal, not only to Londoners, but to Britons everywhere."


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Gangland Britain: the old days of docile women-folk and sawn-off shotguns are long gone

Devoted mothers who always stood by their sons

BY JAMIE DETTMER

■ East End gangsters helped old ladies to cross the road and never hurt anyone, according to the women who reared them

GRACE Brindle, the mother of Patrick and Tony, rejoiced when her two sons were acquitted of murder at the Old Bailey last year. Her boys would not hurt a soul, she said. They helped old ladies across roads and, in their childhood, wept when their budgie died.

Mrs Brindle, the sister of "Mad" Frankie Fraser, a former Richardson henchman, has had to put up with a great deal in the past two years. In March 1991, her youngest boy, David, was shot dead in a pub in Walworth, south London, in what police suspect was a gangland execution. Soon afterwards Patrick and Tony were charged with the murder of Ahmet "Abbi" Abdullah, adopted son of the powerful Arif family. Embattled, and in mourning, Mrs Brindle did not give an inch.

"My boys would never hurt a fly," she told *The Sun* angrily a few days after the inquest into David's death. "I know it sounds like a mother's grief, but they are all good boys."

The strength of purpose showed by Mrs Brindle reminded some people of another mother, Violet Kray, 30 years earlier. Ronnie and Reggie's mother could have been speaking for all gangland mums when she said: "If you've got to choose between your boys and the police, what choice is that, especially if they're all you've got?"

The role of the mother in gangland London has changed little since the twins were sentenced to life imprisonment at the Old Bailey in 1967 for murder. It was brought home to the cinema-going public through Billie Whitelaw's extraordinary portrayal of Violet in the film *The Krays*. The role can be summed up in two words: unreserved love.

The twins were quite right to feel they were lucky in their mum. She stuck by them through all their childhood scraps on the hard streets of wartime Bethnal Green, gloried in their "commercial" success which led to her mixing with stars from stage and screen such as George Raft and Diana Dors, and was always on call when they needed her to see them through illness and set-back. After they were imprisoned, she visited Ronnie and Reggie every week until her death in 1982.

She told one journalist after the 1967 Old Bailey trial: "Both of them was good boys at heart. I knew the things people said about them couldn't be true, anyhow."

Anecdotal evidence suggests that many London gangsters



Violet Kray: visited captive sons every week

have doted on their mothers. James Moody, the former Richardson associate who was shot dead in a Hackney pub a month ago, was said to have been utterly devoted to his mum, Rosie. At school in Hackney during the war, Moody was teased for being a "mummy's boy".

One detective who studied Moody told a newspaper: "Rosie was the biggest influence in his life. You could say he had a mother fixation, just like the Krays. His father was a weak character, but his mother called the shots and he worshipped her."

In some ways Violet and Rosie were just following working-class East End and southeast London tradition. In the home they were imperious, houseproud and bossy. Outside the home they were unquestioning about their menfolk, and even subservient.

One biographer of the twins wrote of the regular ladies' evenings Ronnie and Reggie organised for Violet and the womenfolk of gang members at the Carpenter's pub near Vallance Road. The occasions were formal. The women wore their best clothes and had their hair fixed in the morning. They sipped Babycham and "kept their places in the old East End manner".

Gangsters' womenfolk have generally steered clear of anything more active than serving as alibi givers. However some detectives have noticed a change. Now, they say, it is not uncommon to find girl friends, wives and even mothers acting as drugs couriers.

The long-standing image of a devoted, loyal gangster's moll received a hard knock in 1990 when Linda Calvey, nicknamed the "Black Widow", was found guilty after a spectacular trial of murdering her lover, the robber Ron Cook. She plotted the murder because she feared Cook would discover her infidelities and find she had been spending the proceeds of a raid.

Cook was serving a sentence at Maidstone prison at the time, but had a cleaning job outside the jail. Calvey picked him up outside the prison and drove him back to her London flat, where Daniel Reece, a convicted rapist who was infatuated with her, lay in wait. Reece shot Cook in the elbow but was unable to complete the job. Calvey grabbed the gun, ordered Cook to kneel, and shot him.

Whatever would Violet have said?



Time for sorrow: Grace Brindle comforts the pregnant girl friend of her son David at his funeral in 1991

Gunslingers move with the times

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

The gang wars in Britain's cities are being fought with an increasingly sophisticated arsenal of weapons. Gone are the days when a villain would automatically reach for a sawn-off shotgun to carry out an armed robbery. Now, he may be carrying an Astra .357 revolver, originally designed by its Spanish makers for police work, a Czech automatic pistol, a tiny but lethal Belgian pistol, a Walther 7.65mm PPK pistol or a Sten gun.

A few miles from the epicentre of London's gangland violence, Scotland Yard's scientists work behind thick security doors and metal detectors on an array of such firearms. They join an ever-growing collection of guns carefully preserved in the ballistics laboratory for pending trials or possible arrests.

As the pace of gun violence has accelerated in the 1990s, Brian Arnold, head of a team of 11 firearms specialists, has detected several ominous trends. For the first time, police are recovering weapons adapted to take silencers, the tool of the hitman, and there is a growing fear that submachine guns are circulating in the underworld.

Six of the weapons, mainly Sten guns, were handed into the laboratory last year. In an investigation in the past few months, south London police also recovered a Czech-made weapon plus ammunition. A second specialist gun laboratory run by the Home Office at Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, for provincial police forces has also reported increasing cases involving submachine guns.

> 'The days when a "hot" weapon was dropped into the nearest canal or the Thames after a shooting are long gone'

Mr Arnold said the shotgun was going out of favour, possibly because of the tighter controls brought in by firearms legislation amendments after the Hungerford shootings in 1987. Instead, criminals were opting for handguns, which are easier to hide and carry.

The criminals are also getting wise to the abilities of the laboratory. Detectives have made arrests in the past year in parts of London and discovered suspects who have been wounded but never gone for medical treatment in case the bullets were removed and handed over to police. The wounds have healed and the criminals have gone on working with the bullets inside them.

Mr Arnold, a police firearms specialist for 27 years, said there was little evidence yet of weapons reaching Britain from the military arsenals of eastern Europe, although senior police officers forecast a flood could arrive soon. So far, the only ex-Communist military weapons seen by the laboratory have been two old Soviet pistols.

In a research project several years ago, Mr Arnold discovered only 8 per cent of 75 weapons handed into the laboratory were stolen. The rest were undeclared either because they were slipped into Britain, never registered or souvenirs from past wars.

Few weapons, he said, had emerged from the Falklands and Gulf wars, but guns were being smuggled into Britain from elsewhere.

The gun is part of a workload that has increased 35 per cent in five years from 386 cases in 1988 to 488 last year. Those cases involved 1,411 firearms and 234 had been fired. Weapons and bullets are now appearing that have been used in a series of shootings.

Insulated from the outside world and built without any windows, the laboratory includes a library of data on firearms from around the world. Weapons are dismantled under fluorescent lamps. In a special range, 70ft indoor range built with noise baffles, the laboratory's staff test guns.

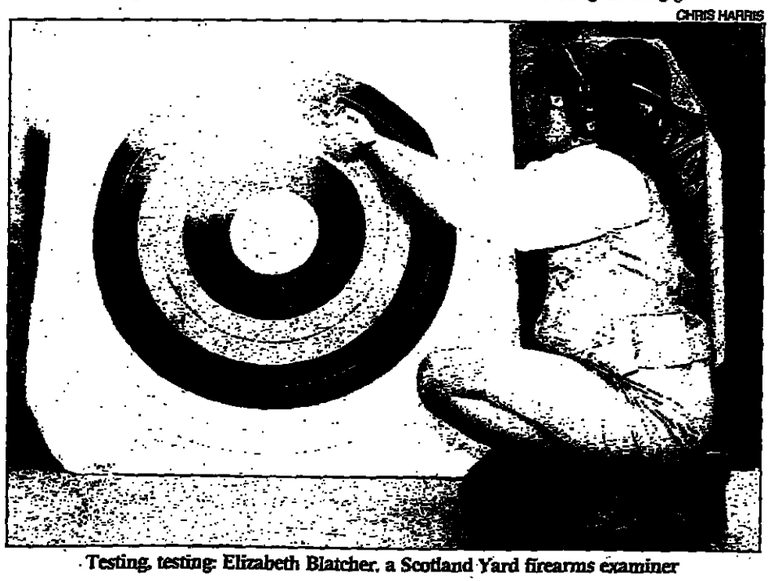
Working with £75,000 microscopes and television monitors, Mr Arnold's staff, all science graduates, try to match bullets and weapons. They search for individual "fingerprints", which the rifling in the barrel of a gun will leave on the rounds. The microscope shows the scratches left by a weapon as a bullet is fired at tremendous velocity and heat. One day the weapon might be recovered in the hands of the gunman who fired it and the match could be crucial evidence in a murder case.

According to Mr Arnold, his staff needs "a scientific approach and a good dash of common sense plus a sensible interest in firearms". They also need strong stomachs because they regularly attend post-mortem examinations to advise pathologists on gunshot wounds.

The findings made at the workbench and under magnifications of 60 to 70 times actual size not only provide evidence for court but also intelligence for police on the streets.

Already this year, they have identified one weapon that has been used in a string of unconnected shootings on opposite sides of London. The days when a "hot" weapon was dropped into the nearest canal or the Thames after a shooting are long gone.

CHRIS HARRIS



Testing, testing: Elizabeth Blatcher, a Scotland Yard firearms examiner

Police go behind the lines to beat Mr Bigs

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

"BIG" Joey Pyle was a careful criminal who managed to stay out of police clutches for 30 years, building an empire of protection, extortion and drugs across south London. Every time the police tried to convict him, he wriggled free.

Linked to the mafia in the US, Pyle was an associate of the Krays and the Richardsons. The difference was that they ended up behind bars years ago and he did not. In the inner sanctum of his office at Pinewood Studios, where he posed as a film-maker, Pyle felt secure, talking freely to members of his 30-strong gang, plotting cannabis or heroin deals.

Now Pyle is serving an 18-year sentence for drug trafficking. Shrewd and cautious he may have been, but he did not bargain for Scotland Yard's undercover operations: his office was bugged for six months with a microphone broadcasting intimate details of his conversations to listening detectives.

Pyle was a victim of modern gangbusters: the technicians, analysts and undercover detectives whose faces are hidden by screens in court. For today's senior officers deploy their troops in a cat and mouse game, probing the defences of the gangs.

In the last seven years the Yard's criminal intelligence unit has carried out 50 operations to gather crucial information on the top level of London's gangland. They involve the creation of "focussed collection plans", creating a complete picture of a target criminal, ranging from pen portraits of close friends and family to details of business interests, hobbies, and habits.

The unit, known as SO11, and the newly-opened national criminal intelligence service (NCIS), are deploying a mass of techniques: new equipment for mounting electronic and photographic surveillance, being developed by a national technical support unit opened by the Home Office last year, includes the development of silent drills to bore into the walls of rooms to be bugged and miriaturised camera equipment.

If electronic surveillance is impractical, police draft in undercover teams with unmarked cars. One 24-hour watch on a suspect can involve as many as 18 officers linked by scrambled radio networks.

The investigators who put the intelligence together and move in on the criminals can be drawn from a number of units. Five regional crime squads with 1,400 officers on secondment from local forces span the country and concentrate on many of the target criminals. Their remit also includes the top level of drug trafficking.

The biggest squad musters 600 detectives and covers 13 forces across the South East, including London. In the capital, a nucleus of senior detectives from area major incident teams, known as Amits, handle the murders which have littered gangland in recent years, while the Flying Squad investigates armed robberies.

Chief constables believe the way forward lies with the reorganised regional crime squads and the development of NCIS. Other officers are beginning to wonder. Some ask if Scotland Yard should set up more of its own operations rather than rely on a regional unit. Others debate whether NCIS should be operational and become a national force like the FBI.

Stores forced to use vigilante tactics

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

AN EPIDEMIC of organised high street crime, costing £2.5 billion a year and fuelled by inadequate policing, is forcing businesses to adopt vigilante-style tactics to combat it, the head of a retail chain said yesterday.

Stanley Kalms, chairman of the Dixon Group, said the police had increasingly become no more than a "data-collecting agency". Police had withdrawn from certain traditional roles in the face of growing demands on their time and were "no longer a force for detection and prosecution of crime against property", he said.

Citing what was happening as "an obscene travesty of the law", Mr Kalms added: "To avoid emotive discussion, we need to legitimise the meaning of vigilantism. It is an honourable word and must be seen to be so."

Members of the British Retail Consortium, which represents the traders, expect to discuss moves to deter the crime wave with Michael Howard, the new home secretary. Mr Kalms told the *Policing in the 1990s* conference organised by the Social Market Foundation in London, that large chains were turning their stores into fortresses and employing "unprecedented" private security.

At the same time, they were fully aware that the effect of their actions was to pass on the problem of property crime to smaller shops with fewer resources. He urged the government to close legal loopholes that allowed unlicensed "squatter shops" to be used as outlets for the sale of stolen goods.

He said: "As the thieves have discovered new methods of distribution and other sophisticated ways of making a dishonest buck, the law-makers seem to have been left standing in their own time warp." Dixons, which has 800 electronic goods centres throughout Britain and a turnover of about £1.5 billion, is losing more than £20 million a year in over 10,000 recorded incidents of theft, violence and fraud. Crimes ranged from pilfering to lorry hijacking and ram-raiding.

Mr Kalms's outburst was backed by Marks & Spencer, which disclosed that the 300-store group lost £30 million last year to crime.

Brian Hudspith, corporate publicity manager, said: "We are not talking about the little old lady who forgets to pay for a pack of biscuits but an annual loss to the retail trade nationally equivalent to a Brink's-Mat bullion robbery every four days."

M & S has spent £21 million to deter theft, including £10 million on the installation of closed-circuit televison, £6 million on uniformed security guards and £2 million to make staff areas more secure.

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Magistrates join fight to halt planned court moves

JPs and their clerks are concerned that white paper plans for reorganisation will lead to a lessening of judicial independence

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 15,000 magistrate have joined a campaign to fight government proposals for reorganising their courts because, say the JPs, they seriously threaten judicial independence.

The campaign, which was started by 13 bench chairmen in the North East, was sparked off by a white paper which proposes modernising of the courts' administration.

Magistrates are particularly concerned about two proposals: for the justices' clerks, the chief legal advisers to magistrates, to be put on fixed-term contracts with pay linked to performance; and for courts' funding to be linked to the number of cases handled.

Instead of being answerable to magistrates, the clerks will be directly accountable to a new area manager, a proposed chief justices' clerk, and through him directly to Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, and the executive.



Lord Mackay: a target for the campaigners

The North East's magistrates wrote to every branch in the country asking whether they opposed the proposals and more than half, representing some 15,000 magistrates, declared support.

Joan Staker, chairman of the Newcastle upon Tyne bench, said: "Our main concern is over the loss of judicial independence, the financial pressures which justices' clerks will find themselves facing and the need to secure value for money."

A third concern is over proposals to cut the number of magistrates' courts' committees which appoint the magistrates) from 104 to about 60, reduce their size and introduce some co-opted non-JP members. Committee chairmen will in future be approved by the Lord Chancellor.

Magistrates from across the country have written to the Lord Chief Justice and other senior judges, to the Lord Chancellor and to MPs in an effort to rally support for their opposition.

The circular from the North East's magistrates says: "Our main concern lies in the threat to judicial independence arising from the loss of independence of the justices' clerk and consequently of the magistracy." It adds that until now, the legal advice of the justices' clerk has been driven only by his wish and need to "pursue the course of law and justice".

In future there will be "considerable external pressures, in particular the requirement to meet targets imposed by management information statistics and cash-limiting, in addition to his contract of employment".

Justices' clerks themselves are equally concerned at the proposals, which they criticised recently at their annual conference, and at the idea that funding will be linked with the number of cases processed.

Seventy four per cent of them believe the government's drive for efficiency is putting justice at risk, according to *File on Four* on BBC Radio last night.

Malcolm Marsh, a justices' clerk in Liverpool, told the programme: "It would be easy for me to say yes, I'll give priority to as many cases as the TV licence prosecuting authority wants to bring and I'll neglect those cases brought, for example, by the police, which are the more serious cases."

Another clerk, John Griffin, from Basingstoke, Hampshire, said: "Obviously a lot of quick motoring matters would be useful, crime is useful, but not to the extent that it actually takes you a long time to deal with.

"So, in fact, the defendant who commits lots of offences, thereby amassing a very complex sentencing exercise for the magistrate, will still only give us six points, the same as perhaps a short, sharp shoplifting case which may only take five or 10 minutes to hear."

Drink drive killers may get 10 years

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

DRINK drivers who kill will soon face up to ten years' imprisonment, double the present maximum, Robert Key, the roads minister, said yesterday.

Speaking in a London riverside pub where he was launching a major summertime campaign against drinking and driving, he warned motorists of the dangers of having one drink too many in a country pub or of accepting too much corporate hospitality at outdoor social events.

Because of the temptations, more accidents involve drink driving and more people fail breath tests in summer than in winter. Between June and August, nearly 5,000 people are killed or injured in alcohol-related road accidents.

The £1.6 million television campaign shows people drinking in a country pub and then switches to scenes of a fatal accident, while the 1970 Mungo Jerry hit *In the Summertime* is played.

The campaign is aimed mainly at the 20-30 age group, not at the hard core of mainly middle-aged men who appear to ignore warnings. In spite of a dramatic improvement in the past ten years, drink driving caused 700 road deaths in 1991.

☐ Drink drivers in Ireland are to face tougher sentences and lower blood alcohol limits. Two-year mandatory first offence disqualifications are to be introduced.

SIMON WALKER



Key: the campaign is mainly aimed at men

Soldier wrote he was uneasy

A TEENAGE soldier killed by an Ulster sniper at the weekend may have had a premonition of death, his fiancee said yesterday.

Private John Randall, 19, was shot soon after telephoning Michelle Tetley at her home in Fishburn, co. Durham, to make plans for a holiday together in Blackpool. Miss Tetley, 21, said he had written recently that "something is due to happen because it had been so quiet".

Miss Tetley, a nurse, spoke of how Pte Randall, of Slough, Berkshire, used to write to her three or four times a day and in one he spoke of "a bad feeling". The letter said: "There are two or three of us that have a bad feeling. It has been very quiet for ages so something is due to happen. I hope not."

She said Pte Randall was upset when told he would have to serve in Northern Ireland. "He had to be prised out of our house because he didn't want to go."

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

A POWERFUL tournament has just finished in Las Palmas on Gran Canaria. Britain is represented by Michael Adams, our number two player to Nigel Short. This game from an early round shows Black exploiting the long-term strategic advantages often associated with the French Defence.

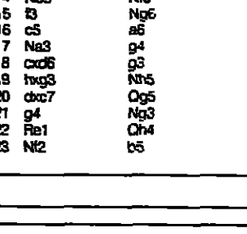
White: I Morovic
Black: Artur Yusupov
Gran Canaria 1993

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e5	Ne7
5	a3	Bxc3+
6	bxc3	c5
7	Qg4	0-0
8	Bd3	f5
9	exd6	Rxd6
10	Bg5	Rf7
11	Qh4	h6
12	Bxe7	Qxe7
13	Qg3	Nc6
14	Nf3	c4
15	Bg6	Rf8
16	0-0	Bd7
17	Ne5	Nxe5
18	dxe5	Rf8
19	f4	Qc5+
20	Kh1	Be8
21	Rf3	Rd8
22	Qg4	Qe7
23	Raf1	Bxg6
24	Qxg6	Qf7
25	Qg3	d4
26	cxd4	Rxd4
27	Qf2	Qd7
28	h3	Rd2
29	Qxa7	Rxc2
30	Kh2	Qd5
31	Rg3	Rb2
32	Qg1	Rd2
33	Qb6	Rf7
34	a4	c3
35	Qb5	Qxb5
36	axb5	Rc7

White resigns

Diagram for final position



a b c d e f g h

Reader's game

I have been delighted by the response of Times readers submitting games for possible inclusion in this column. Ron Canter of Sunderland has submitted the following interesting game. From now on, though, all games submitted must mention the date and the event in which they were played.

White: R. Burrows
Black: R. Canter

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	Bg7
4	e4	d6
5	Nf3	0-0
6	Be2	e5
7	0-0	Nc6
8	d5	Ne7
9	Ne1	Nd7
10	Nd3	f5
11	Bg5	h6
12	Bd2	f4
13	Rc1	g5
14	Nb5	Nf6
15	f3	Ng6
16	c5	a6
17	Na3	g4
18	cxd6	g3
19	hxg3	Nh5
20	dxc7	Qg5
21	g4	Ng3
22	Re1	Qh4
23	Nf2	b5
24	d6	Bd7
25	Qb3+	Kh7
26	Qd5	h5
27	c8Q	Raxc8
28	Rc7	hxg4
29	Rxd7	Nxe2+
30	Rxe2	gxf3
31	Qb7	fxe2
32	Rxg7+	Kh8
33	Rc7	Rb8
34	Qa7	Ra8
35	Qc5	f3
36	Nc2	fxg2
37	Be1	Rxf2
38	Rc8+	Kh7

White resigns

The papers

"The Women's World Championship will be held in Monaco in October/November with Xie Jun (China) defending her title against Nana Ioseliani (Georgia). Zsuzsa Polgar, winner of the Shanghai Candidates, squandered a two-game lead in the play-off match which ended square.

Ioseliani won the toss to meet Xie Jun. Isn't this a travesty? This is even worse than a Candidates match between Hubner and Smyslov being decided on the spin of a roulette wheel. No wonder Short and Kasparov think world championship events should be taken away from Fide." — Tim Harding, *The Sunday Press*, Dublin.

Championship update

The Savoy Hotel and Simpsons-in-the-Strand, Britain's traditional home of chess, have together devised a series of corporate and individual programmes combining fine dining and tickets to the championship. For information call the Savoy Group Priority line on 071 872 8080.

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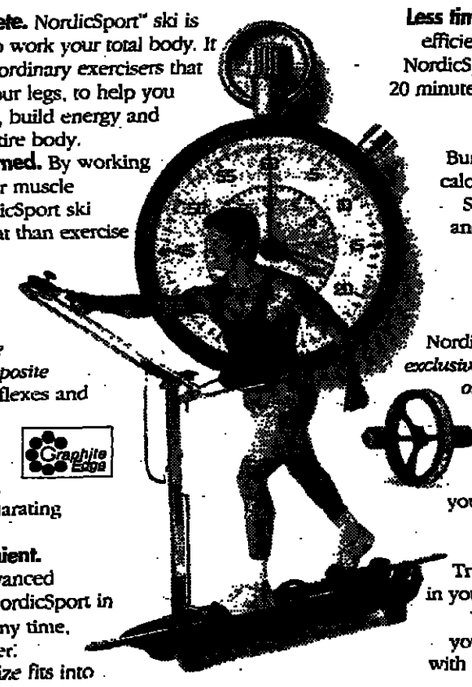
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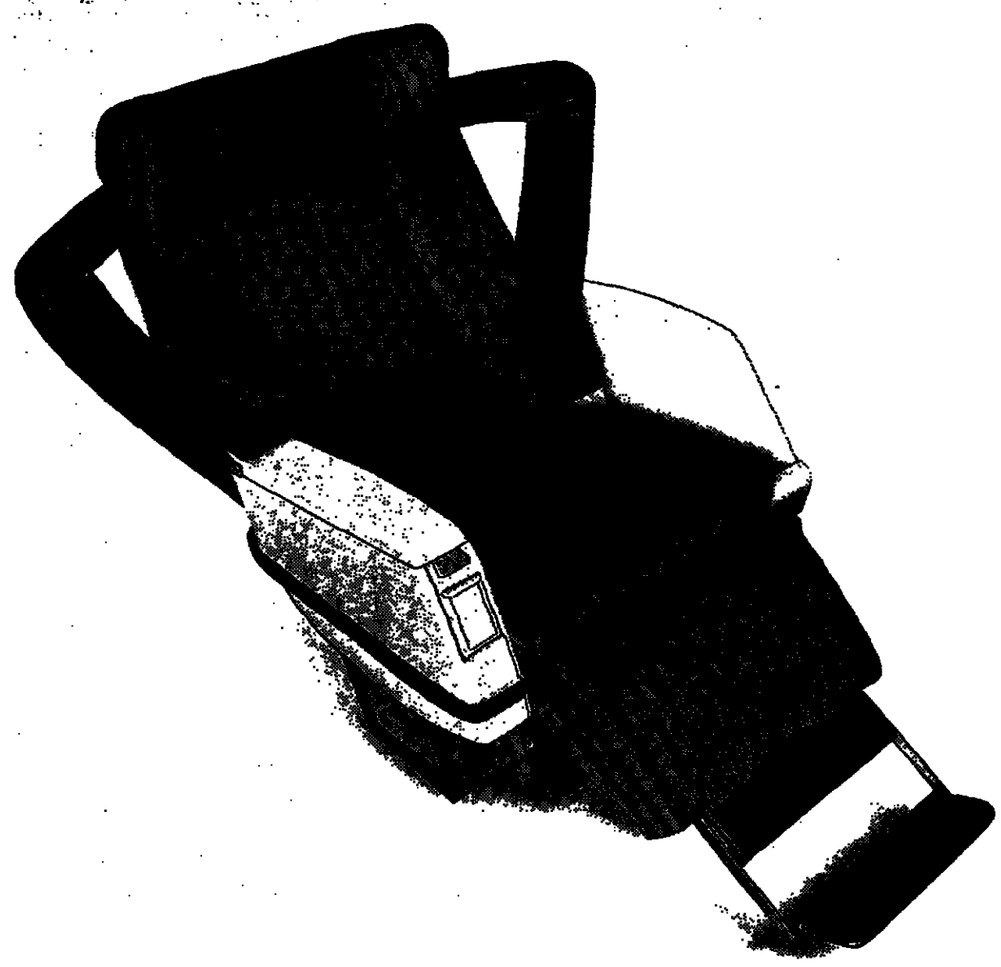
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Gould to launch attack on Labour economic policy

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRYAN Gould, who resigned from the shadow cabinet over Maastricht, is about to make his strongest attack to date on the Labour leadership's economic policy.

At a seminar on Saturday Mr Gould will formally launch a new group, the Full Employment Forum, charged with drawing up a full alternative economic strategy for the Labour party.

In a direct attack on Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, Mr Gould will criticise Labour's failure to spell out its macro-economic policy and its inability to seize the initiative on the economy at a time when the government is facing severe problems.

Since Mr Gould left the shadow cabinet last October after sparring with John Smith over Maastricht he has kept relatively quiet. However, the former heritage secretary has kept in close touch with shadow cabinet colleagues and has told friends that he may try to get back on the shadow cabinet either this year or next.

Mr Gould claims the group now has 100 members, including 20 MPs and several academics. The seminar to draw up a full employment strategy will be attended, among others, by John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, the boilermakers' union. Mr Edmonds, who Mr Gould expects to join the group, has been at loggerheads with Mr Smith over the Labour leader's proposals to reform trade union links.

Labour MPs who have joined the group include Peter Hain, Roger Berry, Lynne Jones, Jeff Rooker and Clive Soley and a number of other MPs "from all sides of the party". Some of these have been involved in drawing up a Tribune group pamphlet on economic policy, draft copies of which were leaked to the press last weekend.

The seminar at the London School of Economics will mark the first of a series of events to push the group's message. Fringe meetings will be held at the TUC and the Labour party conference and a series of pamphlets are to be published this year before the group, which is funded by a £25 membership subscription, draws up its finalised economic strategy.

On Saturday Mr Gould, who chairs the group, will challenge the Labour leadership to set out its broad macro-economic policy. Labour should come clean over its strategy on interest rates, public spending, exchange rates and public borrowing. "We must draw a firm distinction between ourselves and the Tories who say there is nothing much to be done once you have established conditions for monetary stability," said Mr Gould yesterday.

He argues that there should be substantial cuts in interest rates — of 2 to 3 per cent — but there should be no cuts in public investment and no tax rises. He suggests the government should create credit in the public sector by not fully funding the debt through selling gilt-edged stock.

☐ The number of women Labour MPs could be doubled by the next general election if proposals to target key seats with women candidates are endorsed by the national executive today.

A plan to ensure that 50 per cent of key seats in each region have an all-female shortlist will be put to the executive today. Half of all vacant seats will be contested only by female candidates, and 50 per cent of marginal seats where Labour has a good chance of winning at the next general election.

Labour hopes the proposals could increase the number of women MPs from 37 to 80 at the next general election.

The move follows anger among many women MPs last week when a plan to increase the number of women on the shadow cabinet was overturned. A meeting of the parliamentary Labour party reversed a decision taken the previous week that an MP's shadow cabinet ballot paper would only be valid if four votes for women were cast instead of three as at present.

SIMON WALKER



Spreading the word: Lady Thatcher meets Anna Zdziarska, a Polish marketing manager, yesterday

Firemen's pay deal, cuts risk of strike

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LOCAL authority employers yesterday told fire authorities to plan in their financial budgets for next year to meet in full the cost of wage rises from a restored index-linked pay formula for Britin's 48,000 firefighters.

The move followed a clear commitment by the local authorities to bring back the pay formula following the 1.5 per cent pay limit imposed by the government this year on all public sector pay workers.

The employers' statement, foreshadowed in *The Times* a fortnight ago, sharply reduces the likelihood of a firefighters' strike over pay and places in doubt whether leaders of the Fire Brigades Union will even go ahead with their threatened strike ballot.

After meeting union leaders, local authority employers wrote to all 62 fire authorities telling them to make full financial assumption in their budgets of a pay rise based on a pay formula, used to settle the first UK national fire strike in 1977-8, which links pay rises to increases in the top 25 per cent of male manual workers' earnings.

Although the Labour-dominated employers' move preempts any attempt by the government to repeat its 1.5 per cent public sector pay policy, the Treasury could say nothing yesterday other than to repeat that the pay limit was intended to run for 12 months only, and no policy had yet been set for next year.

Local authority employers told the union yesterday that they could pay only 1.5 per cent this year, although privately some believe the formula might even produce an increase lower than that, given falling inflation and the impact of pay freezes on average earnings.

Even if it does not Mike Cann, the employers' main negotiator, said it was "unlikely that the difference in firefighters' pay packets would be much greater than a couple of pounds a week".

Firefighters' employers do not believe union members will strike over such a difference, and union leaders involved in yesterday's talks admitted that the difference was "marginal".

The employers also believe that their clear statement supporting the restoration of the pay formula next year, which said they were "opposed to any interference by central government in the pay bargaining arrangements for local authority and fire service staff", will sharply reduce the likelihood of a strike. The employers said they remained committed to the pay formula, which had "served firefighters and the public well".

NUM official attacks Scargill

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

ARTHUR Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, came under scathing attack yesterday from one of the officials of his own union.

Peter Neilson, the NUM Scottish area vice-president, told the union's annual conference in Scarborough that NUM policies had been "disastrous" for working miners. The NUM was on the "brink of extinction", he said, and he laid much of the blame on Mr Scargill. He said: "We have stumbled from one defeat to another, continually losing our credibility while slowly sinking into oblivion.

"I say to the president: you and your allies have had your day. You have continually got it wrong and your policies have brought this union nothing but failure."

Though many past and current NUM and other unions' officials have privately criticised — often bitterly — Mr Scargill's leadership of the miners' union, such a forceful attack on his stewardship of the NUM has never before been made publicly by a serving union official.

The criticism will be welcomed privately by many Labour party and trade union leaders. Though some conference delegates heckled Mr Neilson, other mineworkers were privately relieved that such criticisms had been brought out into the open.

Mr Neilson said he believed that miners felt Mr Scargill was "totally out of touch" with the NUM's membership, and felt let down by the union's not having negotiated a pay rise for the past nine years, since the 1984-5 coal strike.



Scargill: "saddened" by criticism of his record

Mr Neilson said: "The NUM's past record on wage negotiations is nothing short of scandalous." The union was failing its members "miserably" by not carrying out the basic principles of trade unionism, to protect and improve wages.

He urged the NUM to abandon its current policy and sit down with the Union of Democratic Mineworkers — which broke away from the NUM during the strike — in pay negotiations with British Coal.

Mr Scargill, who has been president of the NUM since 1981, sat through the whole of Mr Neilson's attack at the conference. Later he said he was "saddened" by the remarks, and "absolutely staggered" that any NUM member could suggest sitting down with the UDM.

ERM 'a resigning matter'

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

LORD Jenkins of Hillhead, a former Chancellor, says he "would not have dreamed" of staying in office if he had been in Norman Lamont's position on Black Wednesday last September.

The Liberal Democrat peer told a committee of MPs it was "outside my comprehension" that a Chancellor could have survived after sterling was forced out of the European exchange-rate mechanism on September 16. He said ministers increasingly felt they had "a sacred right" to office. Politicians ought not regard their career structures "like the manager of a bank or a building society", he said.

Lord Jenkins, who as Roy Jenkins took over at the Treasury in 1967 from Jim Callaghan in the wake of the last but one sterling devaluation, was giving evidence to members of the Treasury and Civil Service select committee. He also warned against the increasing politicisation of the Civil Service during a long period of single-party government. The decision to pay out of public funds part of Mr Lamont's legal bills for the eviction of a tenant was a clear example of the "deterioration" in standards.

Thatcher foundation gives free market £30,000 boost

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

BARONESS Thatcher yesterday told East European entrepreneurs to take a lesson from Britain's free-market system rather than relying on Germany for assistance.

The former prime minister met the first business people to benefit directly from her commitment, via the Thatcher Foundation, to spreading the enterprise culture to Eastern Europe.

Five business trainees from Poland, the Czech republic and Slovakia met Lady Thatcher at the foundation's Belgravia offices to discuss their aspirations in introducing capitalist business practices. European Enterprise, a charity formed by British business people to regenerate Central and Eastern Europe, has been granted £30,000 by the foundation to fund month-long training visits to Britain.

As her guests relayed details of Germany's rapidly growing influence in East European business, Lady Thatcher told them they should follow Britain's lead in running the free market. British successes could help in the "difficult but not impossible" task of moving away from communism, she said. Lady Thatcher has pressed British business to compete more actively in regenerating Eastern and Central Europe.

The entrepreneurs, aged between 28 and 35, are involved in businesses ranging from running the first Czech private bus company to selling advertising and printing services.

After yesterday's private meeting, Lady Thatcher said: "I am delighted that the Margaret Thatcher Foundation is encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit which the Enterprise Europe scheme represents."

The foundation will shortly look further east in its funding with the planned announcement of financial backing for Russian middle managers being placed with some of Britain's best known companies. There are also plans to fund a programme under which British lawyers will offer guidance in elements of private law to counterparts in the Czech republic and Slovakia.

According to Mark Worthington, one of the foundation co-ordinators, yesterday's donation marks a watershed in the foundation's progress. Coming after two years of fund-raising, during which there was scepticism about the ability of the foundation to achieve its aims, the £30,000 grants will be followed swiftly by other schemes.

The foundation, formed after the former prime minister left office in 1990, continues its steadfast refusal to disclose the size of its fund.

Euro-elections compromise offer

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard, the home secretary, will promise concessions to MPs today on his contentious measure to create six new European parliament seats.

To save the European parliamentary elections bill from possible defeat tonight, Mr Howard will tell the Commons that he is prepared to write in safeguards about the way the new seats are drawn up. He is also likely to promise to look again at the allocation of seats between England, Wales and Scotland.

The change is part of a Community deal signed at the Edinburgh EC summit to increase Germany's representation on the European parliament after reunification. If the bill is voted down tonight, all the member states could be forced into an emergency session to renegotiate the deal.

Rethink likely over council reforms

BY RACHEL KELLY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

SOME of the proposals to reorganise local government announced by the Local Government Commission are unlikely to go ahead, the government has admitted.

David Curry, the local government minister, told the Association of District Councils' annual conference in Bournemouth there was "quite a strong chance that the recommendations in final shape may be some distance from the orignal recommendations".

Geoffrey Filkin, the association's secretary, said: "The Local Government Commission's methods have been insufficiently consistent and objective, leading to recommendations which singularly fail to meet the needs of local people."

The proposals:

☐ **Cleveland:** the county would disappear with four new unitary authorities based on existing districts of Hartlepool, Stockton, Middlesbrough and Langbaurgh.

☐ **Durham:** a unitary council for the Darlington area, and one for the rest of Durham. The area of Cleveland would return to Durham (north of the Tees) and to Yorkshire (south of the Tees) for ceremonial and cultural purposes.

☐ **Derbyshire:** two unitary councils, for Derby City and for Derbyshire.

☐ **Avon:** the county should go. There should be a unitary authority based on the city of Bristol. From "South Avon", the district of Woodspring should become a unitary council returned to historic Somerset, and renamed North West Somerset. So should Bath and Wansdyke, which with Frome added should become North East Somerset. In the rest of Somerset, there should be one unitary council called South and West Somerset.

☐ **North Avon:** the districts of Northavon and Kinsgwood would merge to form a South Gloucestershire unitary authority, returned to historic Gloucestershire.

☐ **Gloucestershire:** a unitary authority for the Forest of Dean; one for Gloucester and Stroud — Mid-Gloucestershire; and one for Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Cotswold (East Gloucestershire or the Cotswolds).

☐ **Humberside, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire:** Humberside should go, replaced by a unitary Hull and East Riding council made up of Beverley, East Yorkshire, Holderness, plus Selby and part of Boothferry from the present North Yorkshire.

South of the Humber, two unitary authorities are formed out of South Humberside, Cleethorpes, and Grimsby and Scunthorpe with Glandford and part of Boothferry. These would become part of historic Lincolnshire. The rest of the present Lincolnshire County Council area would keep its present system.

In the North Yorkshire County Council area, the recommendation is to form a North Riding (Hambledon, Richmondshire, Ryedale and Scarborough) and a West Riding (Craven and Harrogate.)

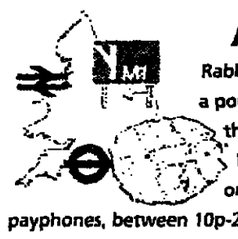
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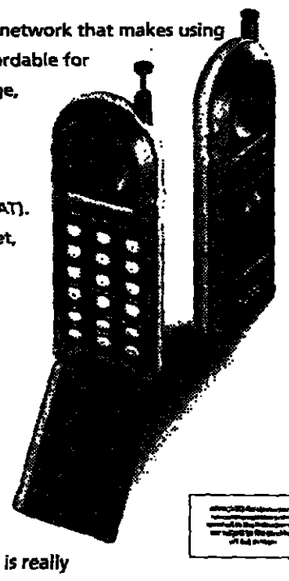
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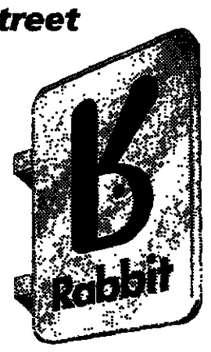
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Muslim leader prepares response to Serb and Croat peace formula

Izetbegovic joins in talks on Bosnia partition plan

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Bosnian Muslim leader's attendance at the Sarajevo talks blunted acrimony in the presidency. His reply is expected in days

MOVES to partition Bosnia along ethnic lines gathered pace yesterday when President Izetbegovic finally took part in talks on the plan.

Mr Izetbegovic met other members of the multi-ethnic presidency at Sarajevo airport and agreed to work on a joint response to the scheme proposed by the republic's Serbs and Croats.

The meeting on the outskirts of the Bosnian capital blunted increasing acrimony within the presidency after Mr Izetbegovic and two allies within the presidency boycotted talks in Geneva mediated by the European Community and United Nations negotiators, Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg. Seven other members of the presidency, including Fikret Abdic — the man seen as Mr Izetbegovic's main challenger — travelled to Geneva to represent Bosnia's Muslims.

However, yesterday's airport meeting did not appear to lay down a common position for the presidency. A statement said only that the full presidency would meet again in the next few days. Ejup Ganic, an ally of Mr Izetbegovic, is to be one of three presidency members working on the joint response.

Details of how a postwar Bosnia-Herzegovina could be organised also emerged yesterday. One section of the three-part Serb-Croat plan sets out constitutional principles for a confederation of three highly autonomous regions. The second part deals with the cessation of hostilities and the third sets out interim arrangements for administration in advance of free elections under international supervision.

The military agreement includes provisions for a countrywide ceasefire, pullback of heavy weapons, separation of forces and monitoring by UN peacekeepers.

The Muslims seem likely to be left with landlocked areas in central Bosnia around Sarajevo and the western enclave of Bihac. Croatia has spoken of giving them protected access to the Adriatic.

A provisional government is envisaged, to be known as a co-ordinating committee, with nine members, three each from the Serb, Croat and Muslim communities. There would be a rotating presidency each month, with the foreign ministers changing every four months.

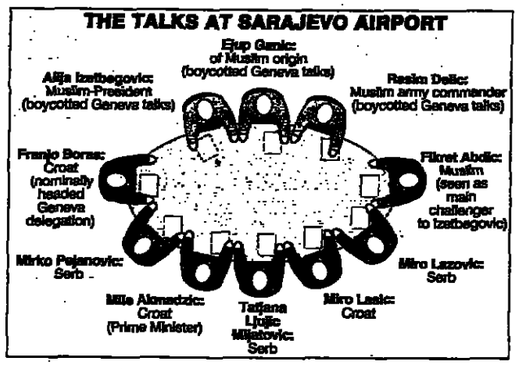
A frontier commission is proposed to deal with any border changes, made up of one member from each community plus one each from the UN and the EC. Crossing-points between the regions would be temporarily under international supervision. Serbs, Croats and Muslims would each have their own police force under international supervision.

At the end of the Geneva talks on Monday, Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said that his faction and Bosnian Croats had agreed to a broad ceasefire and troop pullback as part of a settlement to end 15-month-old war. However, the Bosnian presidency fears that the Croat and Serb parts of Bosnia would join their neighbouring mother states of Serbia and Croatia, leaving Muslims trapped between them.

Fighting surged in central Bosnia yesterday, in response to the Serb and Croat rapprochement. Croat forces fought Muslim troops in Maglaj, Zepce, Zavidovici and several other central regions, according to Major Jose Galegos, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo. Bosnian radio said Muslim forces had taken Zepce.

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THE TALKS AT SARAJEVO AIRPORT





Helping hand: a French United Nations soldier helping a wounded child who was being evacuated to Germany from a Sarajevo hospital yesterday

Rome to vote on reforms

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

ITALY'S anxiously awaited electoral reform law is expected to overcome its first major hurdle today when the Chamber of Deputies votes, after more than 30 hours of debate, on a draft bill drawn up by a Christian Democrat MP.

The bill is almost certain to be given the green light after the Christian Democrats agreed to accept a number of minor changes requested by the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS), the largest opposition party. The modifications will be introduced when the bill passes to the Senate.

Many Italians are pinning their hopes of a more honest and effective democracy on the abolition of the country's proportional system of voting, a change called for overwhelmingly in a referendum in April. The new law provides for elections to take place on a single day, with 75 per cent of the seats decided on a first-past-the-post system and the remaining 25 per cent under proportional representation.

The bill calls on the government to draw up new electoral boundaries within four months of its passage into law. A similar voting system for the Senate was approved in the April 18 referendum.

President Scalfaro said elections were impossible until the reform law was passed. "If someone were to suggest that parliament be dissolved and elections held today, it would be like passing a bulldozer over the will of the people," he said.

Serbs launch new offensive to open southern corridor

FROM TOM RHODES IN ZELJEZNO POLJE, BOSNIA

THE Bosnian Serbs have launched a big offensive to carve a new southern corridor through the Maglaj salient, thereby linking their eastern and western territories in central Bosnia, senior European Community monitoring sources said yesterday.

This would leave the Muslims confined to the three pockets of Bihac, Tuzla and Zenica and any other towns and villages they can hold in between. Further reports claimed that at least seven Bosnian Serb tanks had been allowed to cross Croat lines to enter the peninsula and had surrounded the village of Novi Seher. The move fuelled speculation that the two sides are colluding to rout Muslim brigades and divide the region, regardless of any negotiations in Geneva.

The sources said that the HVO (the Bosnian Croat militia) was being invited by the Serbs to create chaos around Zepce and Vares, thus facilitating the new corridor from Doboj to Olovo through Maglaj and Ribnica. The message from both Bosnian Serbs and Croats to the international community is "do not get involved". Radio stations in both Zagreb and Belgrade yesterday announced that "central Bosnia is on fire".

"That will encourage the ongoing insecurity of international agencies more and more," the EC monitors said. They are convinced that this latest offensive will be finished by August. This week's surge of shelling near the coast, which included Dubrovnik, is believed to be a smokescreen to create confusion.

On the Maglaj front line Muslim forces are claiming that all is not lost. At the field headquarters of 303 Brigade, a restaurant ten miles from Zepce, Suad Hassanovic, their commander, said his men would retake Zepce and even made wild claims about retaking Banja Luka from the Serbs.

"We will break through, despite the military and civilian casualties we have suffered in the last days," he said.

It soon became evident, however, that for all his strong words the Muslims were fighting a losing battle on several fronts. In the village of Zeljezno Polje, across the hills from Novi Seher, there was an air of defeat among the Muslim forces. The sight of cameras produced an immediate flurry of Kalashnikovs and other weapons. "Get out of here," one soldier shouted. "Why should we talk to you? The Americans and Europeans have done nothing for us. Now you want to take our pictures so you can laugh at us."

Further up the road, civilian refugees were equally dejected. Two thousand had already been pushed south, they claimed, maintaining the Croats had set up a concentration camp near Novi Seher housing up to 4,000 Muslim women and children.

If the Serbs and Croats have reached a deal to allow for a Serb southern corridor, then it may be several days or even weeks before the area is calm enough for movement. There can be little doubt that, if Maglaj follows the Jajce experience earlier this year, there will be a huge exodus of refugees to the Muslim-held Zenica pocket over the next few weeks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Israelis are accused of murders

Jerusalem: Israeli special forces operate with a licence to kill in the occupied territories, shooting on sight and shooting to kill, the US human rights group Middle East Watch alleged yesterday. Elite undercover units take part in premeditated assassinations and summary executions, the group's director, Kenneth Roth charged. His report urges America to tie aid to Israel to human rights. *(AFP)*

Expulsion anger

Tirana: Tension between Albania and Greece increased after Greek police expelled thousands more illegal Albanian immigrants. Tirana condemned the expulsions and asked the United Nations to intervene. *(Reuter)*

Tall order

Washington: US doctors are seeking an injunction to stop the government using children for experiments designed to "cure" shortness. The doctors say shortness is not a medical problem and the experiments are dangerous.

Women freed

Peking: Chinese police in the southern provinces of Hunan and Canton have smashed a crime ring and rescued 162 women whom the gang had abducted and forced into prostitution. *(Reuter)*

Britain set to lose US site for nuclear tests

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BRITAIN yesterday looked likely to lose its battle to resume nuclear testing in the United States.

British and American sources said they believed that President Clinton would opt for a conditional extension, until at least next year, of the present moratorium on testing that officially ends tomorrow. Nevada is Britain's only test site.

The sources predicted that Mr Clinton would announce this week some sort of compromise under which the US would keep its testing facilities ready and possibly seek Congress's conditional approval for new tests, but not conduct any unless another country recommenced testing first. In the meantime, the administration would pursue vigorously a comprehensive test ban treaty.

Under pressure from Britain, the State Department and the Pentagon, Mr Clinton had been inclined to approve nine more tests, three of them British, before a congressional ban took effect in 1996. In recent days, however, the president has come under intense domestic and international pressure to reconsider, on the ground that new US testing would force Russia, France and China to follow suit and encourage Third-World nations to pursue nuclear weapons programmes.

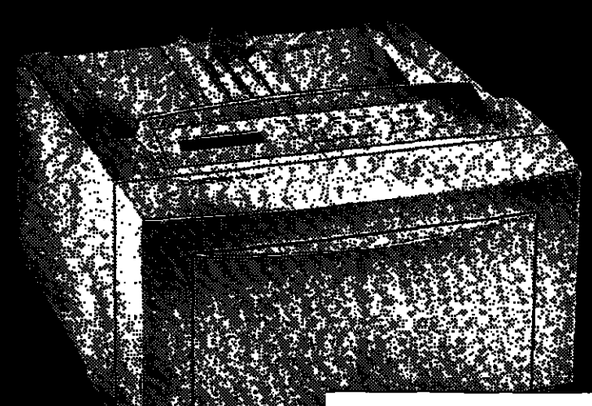
Last week, the Russian and European parliaments called on Mr Clinton to extend the moratorium, as did many US newspaper editorials, but his biggest problem is the strength of opposition on Capitol Hill. More than 100 members of the House wrote to him last week saying that "many in this country and around the world will be disillusioned profoundly if the US breaks the moratorium". Nearly a quarter of the senators have written to him.

The House would almost certainly muster the simple majority required to defeat the president if he sought to recommence testing. The Senate might well do likewise and Mr Clinton is in no position to pick what would be a bitter, high-profile fight not just with Congress but also with the bulk of his own party's congressmen.

George Stephanopoulos, Mr Clinton's senior adviser, is reported to have told James Exon, a senior Democratic senator, last week that the president was aware of the congressional opposition and did not want to "rush into nine new tests". Another source said yesterday: "The important reality is not what Clinton wants but what Congress will agree to."

Britain and the Pentagon have argued that new testing is essential to ensure the safety and reliability of their nuclear weapons, but Mr Clinton's advisers have been divided on the subject. The energy department, the arms control and disarmament agency and the president's science adviser have all argued against.

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Affluent Iraqis live in fear of further US missile attacks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN BAGHDAD

■ A leafy Baghdad suburb is now in the front line of the conflict with America. Defiant officials are stepping up threats of Beirut-style terrorism against Washington

FOR the few Iraqis daring enough to snatch a glance across the heavily defended compound of the country's intelligence headquarters, the sight of the cratered remains of President Saddam Hussein's main power base was awe-inspiring.

What had once been the feared Iraqi equivalent of the KGB's notorious Lubyanka prison lay in ruins after it was pulverised by 16 American navy Tomahawk cruise missiles fired early on Sunday.

"There was not much left of it. I am glad to say," one Baghdad witness said in an unguarded moment, revealing a loathing for the *Mukhbarat* secret police widespread in a nation long dominated by the security services. "When it comes to the secret police, I hate them all. I will be just as glad to see the CIA destroyed."

Like many citizens, his glee over the short-term effects of the missile raid are far outweighed by the depressing conclusion to be drawn in the aftermath of the attack. In discussions with Iraqis of all ages and backgrounds yesterday, a fateful picture emerged of a nation which faces an indefinite extension to its three-year conflict with America and its allies, the prolongation of punishing international sanctions, and no visible sign that the Saddam regime is in any danger.

Nowhere is the scene of foreboding more palpable than in the wealthy residential area of al-Mansour, a neighbourhood favoured by well-off merchants and foreign diplomats, attacted by its tree-lined streets and lavish villas, but recently less desirable when it became the impact area for two out of the three cruise missiles, which missed their target and killed six civilians and left scores of others injured.

Yesterday, Maher Aisham Maher, a first-year medical student, should have been reclining in one of the area's many private swimming pools, but instead was toiling in the suffocating midday heat trying to salvage what he could from his neighbour's devastated villa, where Iraq's most famous woman artist, Leyla Alatar, her husband and a servant were killed. "This is the second time we have been hit by the Americans in two years. I think it is time we moved out of this area," said another medical student, 19, who for more than half his life has known Iraq at war, first with Iran and more recently with the Western allies. "I would like to think we would be able to live in peace, but in my heart I know the conflict will continue according to the pronouncement from the Iraqi regime."

As he spoke, anti-aircraft batteries opened fire on a jet overflying the capital, only to discover later that it was one of their own. A local radio station said the plane was misidentified as an American fighter. The nervousness in the city was highlighted when air-raid sirens went off in some areas.

In the most defiant statement to date, Nouri Ajim al-Marsumi, a senior Iraqi official, wrote in yesterday's *Al-Qadifiya*, the military daily, that perhaps military or guerrilla action would be the right response to America. "In Lebanon, the booby-trapped car which destroyed the headquarters of the American marines forced them to flee," he said, echoing comments attributed earlier to Iraq's intelligence chief.

Other official publications engaged in unfettered name-calling against President Clinton, who was denounced as "the other face of the same George Bush coin", accused of being a coward in the pocket of the Zionist lobby, and was described as an "arrogant cowboy".

Although the exchange of invective between Washington and Baghdad is not likely to lead to any immediate outbreak of fresh hostilities, there is apprehension among the Iraqi public that when violence does inevitably resume the men and women on the street will be expected to pay the price.

"If an American or Westerner is even slightly injured, then the whole world is supposed to rise up," said a British-trained doctor at the Yarmuk Hospital in Baghdad. "But if an Iraqi civilian is killed, nobody cares. We are not considered humans."

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Saddam: no sign yet of regime being in danger

Jet radar raid

Washington: An F4G attack jet of the US Air Force fired a missile at anti-aircraft radar in the Basra area of southern Iraq yesterday after the installation locked onto one of two American planes, the defence department said. It was not known if the target had been destroyed. *(Reuter)*



Naval manoeuvres: Egyptians watching the aircraft carrier USS *Theodore Roosevelt* sailing south through the Suez Canal yesterday

Saddam rebuilds war machine

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton has soared in the polls since last weekend's missile strike on Baghdad, but a new congressional report published yesterday suggested that his problems with President Saddam Hussein are only beginning.

The report disclosed that despite United Nations sanctions, Iraq had managed to rebuild 80 per cent of its pre-war military manufacturing capability and repair most of its tanks, artillery and combat aircraft damaged during Operation Desert Storm. If its re-armament efforts were left unchecked "the Gulf could face the threat of renewed Iraqi aggression during this administration".

The White House was basking yesterday in unaccustomed praise for the weekend operation, and a *New York Times*-CBS poll showed that public approval of Mr Clinton, until now the most unpopular new president of modern times, had jumped 11 points in a week to 50 per cent.

The survey showed 66 per cent of respondents approved of the missile attack and just 17 per cent disapproved. Support for Mr Clinton's conduct of foreign policy, previously his weakest suit, jumped from 38 to 49 per cent, and 52 per cent now believe him to be a strong leader.

Military action always produces a temporary surge in support for US presidents. George Bush's ratings leapt 18 points when he launched the allied air strikes that began the Gulf war. Mr Clinton badly needed a boost, but he denied that had played any part in his decision to launch the attack. "I did my job," he declared.

Mr Clinton's surge is also likely to recede if, as seems probable, the strike fails to moderate Saddam. An early confrontation is likely over Iraq's refusal to allow the installation of UN monitoring cameras at its missile sites, but yesterday's report by a House foreign affairs subcommittee indicated that Iraq could soon be in a position to threaten its neighbours again.

It said that Iraq had rebuilt many of the weapons plants destroyed or damaged during the Gulf war, revived its clandestine procurement networks in Europe and the Middle East, and resumed the production of a very wide range of conventional weaponry. Specifically, it said that Iraq's Saad 16 ballistic missile research and development centre near Mosul had been "thoroughly reconstructed".

Robert Gallucci, the assistant secretary of state, said Saddam remained bent on rebuilding a nuclear weapons capability. But Mr Gallucci said he had not seen the staff report and was unable to comment on it in detail.

In separate developments yesterday, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that US intelligence had concluded that Saddam himself had ordered the attempted assassination of Mr Bush that provoked the US missile strike on Iraq's intelligence headquarters. "The thought is clearly that this kind of operation could not have taken place without the knowledge of and acquiescence of Saddam," Les Aspin, the US defence secretary, said.

The New York Times reported that the Clinton administration believed as early as May that Iraq was behind the mid-April assassination attempt and that in due course it would have to respond with force.

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Baghdad prisoners 'are safe'

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE three Britons held in Iraq were not endangered by America's missile attack on Baghdad, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said last night.

"We have no reason to believe that their safety has been threatened by Saturday's military operation," Mr Hurd said, describing the trio's jail sentences as grotesque.

Paul Ride, Michael Wainwright and Simon Dunn are serving between seven and ten years' imprisonment for alleged illegal entry to Iraq.

Stephen Howarth, a consular official who was permitted to visit the three Britons, said yesterday that the men were in good health and being well treated.

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Comrade Rita takes to Peru warpath

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI

A WOMAN who masterminded the assassination of Peruvian political leaders is alleged to have taken over as leader of the Maoist Shining Path guerrillas since the capture of Abimael Guzmán, the movement's founder. Guzmán is now serving a life sentence in an underground high-security prison.

A Peruvian television station that claims to have contact with the Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) leadership said during a programme that Maria Jenny Rodriguez Neyra, 39, alias "Comrade Rita", is now at the helm of the guerrilla movement which has instigated violence that has claimed the lives of more than 27,000 people in a decade.

Investigations by Peru's anti-terrorist police also confirmed that the former sociologist, born in the industrial town of Arequipa, has been selected as Guzmán's heir. Guzmán, a former university professor who claims to have plotted a world Maoist revolution and led the armed struggle that has brought Peru to its knees, was captured in a dawn raid on a Lima suburb last September.

President Fujimori's government had hoped that the arrest would break the Shining Path, but the terror campaign has continued unabated. Carlos Tapia, a Shining Path specialist, said: "Sendero now has to restructure itself since it was left without its top leader and ideological instigator. It has to gather strength and reorganise its central committee with five leading members to intensify their armed struggle."

"Comrade Rita" is said to be at the head of the new central committee, and to have ordered the assassination last December of Pedro Huillica, the Peruvian general workers' union president. Two weeks ago, she also ordered the killing of a community leader in the Lima shanty-town district of Villa El Salvador.

Afrikaner far-right faces split over attack on talks

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

DEMANDS for the expulsion of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) from the Afrikaner Volksfront alliance of right-wing organisations were made at a critical meeting of the front's executive in Pretoria yesterday. The calls mark the start of attempts to redeem the image of right-wing Afrikanerdom after the mainly AWB attack on South Africa's constitutional negotiations last Friday.

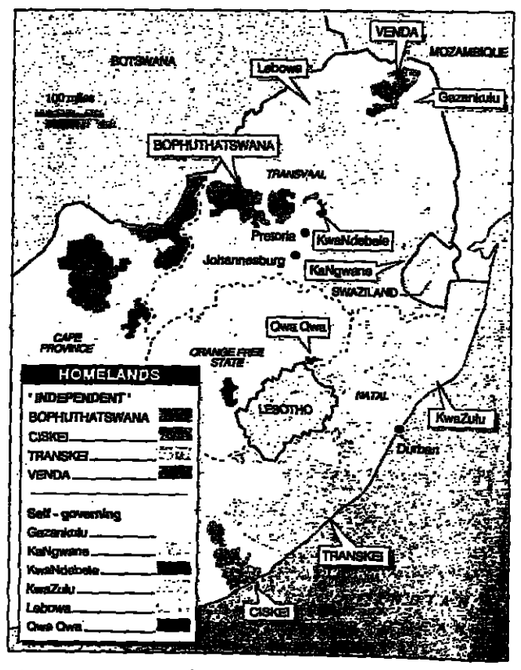
General Constand Viljoen, former chief of the defence force and convenor of the front, has said on national television that the invasion of the World Trade Centre outside Johannesburg was never part of the plan for the demonstration in support of demands for a separate Afrikaner state within a confederal South Africa.

Police have so far arrested 34 right-wingers for the attack but a police spokesman said yesterday that four had been released. Seven had appeared in court on undisclosed charges and a further 20 would appear in courts throughout the country today.

At the trade centre itself, the right-wing Conservative party indicated that it was prepared to soften its demands on self-determination. Until now it has been adamant that it wants a confederal Afrikaner state under a new constitution. Yesterday, however, it said it wanted its proposals to be looked at as part of a constitutional package, not in isolation.

Fanie Jacobs, a Conservative negotiator, said the party "does not necessarily want confederation right at this moment. We could begin with co-operation treaties. Confederation could develop in due course. There is opportunity for interpretation."

According to some negotiators, self-determination within a separate geographical area is beginning to emerge as a possible way of dealing with right-wing demands. The African National Congress is adamant that it will never agree to a separate Afrikaner state, and has said it will try to convince the right-wing that regionalism, with some form of self-rule within a unitary state, is the best solution.



One of the issues central to the constitutional debate is the reincorporation of the four nominally independent black homelands, Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Ciskei and Venda. Bophuthatswana, which is a member of the Concerned South Africans Group (Cosag) at the negotiations, is determined to remain a separate sovereign state.

The Inkatha Freedom Party, which forms the administration of KwaZulu, is insisting on self-determination for a future KwaZulu/Natal region. Inkatha and white right-wing parties are also members of Cosag.

At the negotiations yesterday a technical committee produced its seventh report seeking a compromise between the government and the ANC and its allies.

Apart from the Conservative party, Cosag members are demanding a federal system in a post-apartheid South Africa and accuse the government and ANC of wanting a unitary state. Both deny this and say they want strong regional government in a united South Africa.

In addition, Inkatha wants constitutional arrangements to be settled in negotiations. Walter Felgate of Inkatha declared yesterday that it would vigorously oppose an elected body drawing up a constitution. Cyril Ramaphosa of the ANC said it was equally determined that it would be decided by an elected assembly.

Joe Slovo of the South African Communist Party accused Inkatha of being afraid of subjecting its future to the democratic process. He said the negotiating council would have to decide within 48 hours who would draw up a new constitution, either an elected body or what he described as the present council with a "pathetic democratic pedigree".

Harare: Malawi's parliament has begun sitting in Lilongwe, the capital, to strike from the constitution the provision that has made President Banda's ruling Malawi Congress Party the only legitimate political organisation in the country for the past 27 years.

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Bavarian maverick ready to set up anti-Maastricht party



Kohl: silenced voice of dissidents' leader

FROM ROGER ROYES IN BONN

CAMPAIGNERS in Germany against the Maastricht treaty could form an independent party to contest the European parliamentary election next year. That is the key option being considered by Manfred Brunner, a Bavarian politician leading the protest against European union.

For the time being, Dr Brunner said in an interview with *The Times*, the anti-Maastricht campaign is investing its hopes in the German constitutional court that will hear their complaints tomorrow and Friday. A verdict will probably not be passed before September. Only then will it be clear whether Germany can ratify the treaty. Both houses of parliament approved the treaty without any of the upheaval experienced in Britain, but there are doubts that Maastricht can be squared with the German constitution's commitment to a sovereign, democratic German state.

"Many Germans have been regarding the British as their lawyers on Maastricht," Dr Brunner, 45, a lawyer who was until recently *chef de cabinet* to Martin Bangemann, the European Community commissioner, says. "Germany never got to grips with Europe — it was always a magic formula to shield us from the past. To be a nationalist was to be branded an old Nazi and so we could never ask the questions raised in Britain."

■ A Bonn court is to start hearing an appeal by opponents of the treaty tomorrow. The judges could rule that it be ratified only after the renegotiation of key parts

Now, through the device of the constitutional court — a tribunal of eight judges who are supposed to interpret and guard the constitution — the German rebels' chance has come. Dr Brunner believes that the court could end up criticising parts of the treaty and allow it to be ratified only on condition that it is renegotiated before 1996. It could also recommend that a referendum be held before, or after, 1996. "If that is the judgment, and it forces all the parties to review their European policy, then we will have accomplished our task," Dr Brunner says. If not, the protesters would consider setting up an independent citizens' movement that would run in the European parliamentary elections. And, yes, British help would be appreciated.

Dr Brunner used to be a committed Eurocrat, well versed in the ways of Brussels and a trusted aide to his fellow Free Democrat, Herr Bangemann. His view was that a single market has to be put in place and until that moment Europeans could accept some shortfalls in the democratic ordering of the Community. But the collapse of communists and East Germany "plainly showed that we should not be cementing postwar Europe and having it steered by a committee in Brussels." Soon he began to feel pressure to keep his views to himself. Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, started to squeeze the German dissident. "My impression is that Kohl gave this (the abandoning of a more democratic or looser union) to Mitterrand as the price for French approval of German unification".

Last year, Dr Brunner made a speech declaring: "I'm against Maastricht because I'm for Europe." M Delors was quickly on the line to Herr Bangemann and so was Helmut Kohl. Herr Bangemann gave Dr Brunner one last chance. But within a few days he was on a podium again, this time calling for a German referendum. Furious, the chancellor telephoned Herr Bangemann, who dismissed him.

Today, Dr Brunner draws large audiences from grassroots Free Democrats and Bavarian Christian Social Union supporters but the leaders of the main established parties in Bonn seem completely wedded to Maastricht. The objections to the treaty have been lodged by a broad spectrum of fringe politicians, from the Greens to the far-right Republicans.

The chief threat to the anti-Maastricht campaign is the conviction — perhaps born out of political indifference — that Maastricht has been robbed of meaning and can therefore be ratified. On the contrary, Dr Brunner says, there are very concrete plans that will be set in motion by European leaders after ratification. It is not too late for the constitutional court in Karlsruhe to realise this and to block ratification.

Summit plans falter over Russian aid and trade disputes

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON AND CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

PREPARATIONS for next week's summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations in Tokyo are proceeding with great difficulty in a number of crucial areas of international co-operation, most notably trade and aid to Russia.

Negotiations about a bilateral trade pact between Japan and America broke down in Tokyo on Monday night with little hope that President Clinton and Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, would reach a broad agreement at the summit. Nor have negotiators been able to reach a breakthrough in the stalled world trade talks.

Negotiations were due to resume in Toronto last night for "as long as it takes to finish up", according to Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative. These talks touch on some of the outstanding issues, especially the unresolved differences between Europe and America on the question of US textile tariffs — a highly sensitive issue in America — which the Europeans want to see lowered considerably beyond what has been offered so far. Europe, meanwhile, have been reluctant to eliminate tariffs on electrical goods, aluminium, non-ferrous metals and wood products.

World leaders had originally hoped to agree to a preliminary accord at the summit, to be presented to the 108-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) later in the year. If there were again a failure to resolve differences over trade, the prospects for a successful conclusion of the Uruguay round of trade talks, now almost seven years old, would look exceedingly slim. President Clinton has asked for, and is certain to obtain, a fast-track negotiating authority from Congress, but he has only until December 15 to reach a final Gatt settlement.

The Senate yesterday began debate over fast-track renewal after the House gave approval last week, but if no Gatt agreement has been reached by the self-imposed American deadline, Congress will then be in a position to amend, and effectively kill, an eventual treaty.

Progress in the separate trade talks between the Clinton administration and Japan is even worse, as Mr Kantor readily acknowledged when he said that the chances of a pre-summit agreement of principles were slimmer than before the recent political turmoil in Japan. However, the differences between the two sides are so great that Mr Miyazawa's political troubles serve as a useful pretext for delaying an agreement, whose overall purpose is to establish procedures that govern the two countries' bilateral trade relations.

The two are strongly divided over American demands for firm and measurable "targets" and deadlines to bring about a reduction in Japan's trade surplus. The Americans also want to establish procedures to govern individual trade disputes. The Japanese, who object to what they suspect is "managed" trade in all but name, have so far rejected the Washington approach.

The most important non-trade issue at the summit, Western aid for Russia, is also in considerable difficulty after America was forced to scale down its ambitious proposal to establish a $4 billion (£2.7 billion) Russian privatisation fund when the project ran into strong opposition in Japan. The fund is now certain to be scaled down in recognition of the severe budgetary constraints in most G7 countries.

In a 30-minute telephone conversation, Mr Clinton tried to assure President Yeltsin that the Group of Seven will "develop a programme to support the process of democratic reform and development of free markets in Russia", which would include a "solid package of assistance". A proposed $1.8 billion American assistance programme, which comes on top of a previous $1.6 billion package, is currently passing through Congress.

Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, will stay away from the Tokyo summit, leaving to President Mitterrand the task of presenting France's tough requirements for greater American and Japanese flexibility on world trade.

"I do not need to go parading here and there when there is a lot to be done in France," M Balladur said, referring to his drive to halt France's dive into recession. His decision was clearly influenced, however, by the unhappy experiences of Jacques Chirac, the last Gaullist prime minister to "cohabit" with President Mitterrand. When M Chirac travelled to Tokyo in 1986 for his first G7 summit, he found the Japanese had made no concession to France's dual leadership.

Under the constitution, the prime minister is responsible for governing the country but the president is guardian of its international role. After protocol officials refused M Chirac a place at the conference table, he took the seat of the then foreign minister, making a fool of himself at home.

M Balladur's tenure, which began in late March, has been marked by a remarkable degree of harmony with M Mitterrand, and the president can be counted on to echo the prime minister's aggressive approach to the trade disputes that are damaging relations among the Seven. Both men attended the Copenhagen summit of the European Community last week. M Mitterrand has endorsed the government's rejection of the "Blair House" EC-US farm trade agreement, and he also supports its attempts to persuade other European leaders that the Community must be much tougher in protecting its trade within a new Gatt agreement.

On Monday night, M Balladur said President Clinton could forget about even discussing a new Gatt treaty in Tokyo unless his government dropped new levies on EC steel imports. "He has got to understand the rules of the game we are playing," he said.

Struggling to slow the recession, M Balladur indicated yesterday that he could cut income tax in the autumn in an attempt to stimulate demand. He also said that he hoped interest rates would fall further. French rates have been kept higher than those of Britain, the US and other competitors because of the franc's link to the mark in the European exchange-rate mechanism.

M Balladur's government remains firmly committed to the ERM, but it is coming under growing pressure from rebels on its own side to take unilateral measures to cut interest rates below Germany's, a step which could amount to a French withdrawal from the ERM. Market operators, government officials and other experts all insist the option is not being considered.

Ciampi appeal

Rome: Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the Italian prime minister, yesterday renewed his appeal for employers and unions to sign a job-saving national wage agreement to bolster international confidence in the economy (Philip Willan writes).

He told a trade union conference that a solution was near and would provide economic growth without inflation. "If this accord is achieved, our country will have shown it is capable of creating a social equilibrium with few parallels in Europe, built on consensus and so on a solid foundation."



Potted history: a gardener tidies up at the Akasaka Palace in Tokyo where leaders of the Group of Seven nations are due to meet next week

Patten flies out under a cloud of Chinese ill-will

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

CHRIS Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, left for London last night with abuse from Peking ringing in his ears. Tomorrow he will brief a cabinet committee meeting chaired by John Major on the state of the Sino-British negotiations, which next week enter their seventh slow-moving round in the Chinese capital.

Standing outside Government House with Michael Sze, the colony's secretary for constitutional affairs, who has attended all the Peking negotiations and is accompanying him to London, Mr Patten emphasised that his goal for the territory remained "free and fair elections acceptable to the people of Hong Kong" next year and in 1995.

China has denounced Mr Sze's role as an adviser to Mr Patten on this trip as another example of Britain attempting to insert a "third leg" into the negotiations, which Peking insists are purely a matter for Peking and London. The governor countered this, saying that while it would be inappropriate for Mr Sze to attend a cabinet committee, he would be briefing the foreign and home secretaries and Jack Cunningham, the Labour foreign affairs spokesman.

Pressed on how long the Peking negotiations can go on, Mr Patten said: "I don't like deadlines as a tactic ... there's a great deal to do about arranging the elections. It can't be done with a dash of the pen ... tick-tock goes the clock."

Taking issue with a senior Foreign Office official who recently described tomorrow's cabinet committee meeting as routine, Mr Patten said that such meetings were rare. He expected there would be important statements afterwards from Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and "from the governor of Hong Kong".

Asked if Britain might cave in under Chinese pressure, Mr Patten questioned that this had ever been the case. He then returned to the recent report by Moody's, the credit-rating service, which predicted Chinese erosion of the territory's economy after 1997. "It's very important that we stick to the principle linking Hong Kong's way of life with its prosperity," the governor said. He was clearly replying to those who claim his proposals are jeopardising the colony's prosperity and that politics have no place here.

Would Peking be angry about tomorrow's meeting? "The Chinese, who always stress the importance of sovereignty, could hardly object to a British prime minister meeting his colleagues."

Mr Patten's optimistic leave-taking was not cheered by the Chinese-language newspapers here. As usual following Peking's line, they took the opportunity to sum up his term of office so far: failure.

In *Wei Wei Po* yesterday, two feature writers derided Mr Patten for claiming that the recently concluded sixth round of negotiations had made some progress. This was plainly an old Patten tactic, the writers said, of creating a smokescreen before making a risky move.

In the same newspaper, nine leaks from the negotiations were laid at the door of Mr Patten and Sir Robin McLaren, Britain's ambassador to China. Peking never leaks, the paper said. In fact, Chinese newspapers have furnished a substantial amount of innuendo, gossip, and possible fact about the talks while the British side has been almost silent on detail.

Another paper, the Hong Kong *Commercial Daily*, painted a picture of the governor having boxed himself in by insisting that there must be a deadline for the Peking negotiations. This, the paper insisted, was nothing but a scare tactic.

The previous day, *Wen Wei Po*, accused Mr Patten of a series of shortcomings more usually associated with China's rulers: pushing up inflation, inattention to law and order, and damaging the mechanism for securing good relations between China and Britain. And of course, Mr Patten is insincere. On this occasion, however, the paper did not mention "little English tricks".

Ukraine's sprint for statehood leaves Russia breathless

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN KIEV

As our Air Ukraine flight touched down in Kiev from Moscow, its shiny blue lettering failing to conceal the legend "Aeroflot" underneath, the Russian passengers indulged in the customary practice of ignoring the seatbelt sign and bounding towards the exit.

The way was blocked by a steward who announced that a customs official would board first, check visas, and distribute a declaration form. The disquiet could hardly have been greater if he had announced the arrival of hijackers.

There was an outraged chorus of "Why is this necessary? Since when has Ukraine been considered as abroad?"

Ukraine has been officially abroad for Russians since August 1991 when Kiev's nationalists, led by President Kravchuk, then parliamentary Speaker, took advantage of the sudden weakening of Moscow's hold to forge ahead with independence. Russians, unable to comprehend that former Soviet republics now demand visas and customs forms, refer to countries such as Ukraine as "the near-abroad" and the rest of the world as "the far-abroad".

This perturbs nationalists in the fledgeling republics who fear, with some justification, that "near-abroad" really means bits the Russians would consider taking back if the time were right.

As Ukraine's economic chaos and its three-way stalemate between president, prime minister and parliament drags on, the attachment to the symbols of nationhood grows stronger. The customs forms are now in Ukrainian.

Of all its territorial losses, the departure of Ukraine hurts Russia most. Shunted from Polish rule into Russian hands in the 16th century, it never managed to break free of Moscow's dominance. Even the Nazi advance, which offered a chance for small nations such as Croatia and Slovakia to snatch briefly and badly at independence, did not benefit Ukraine as Germany considered it a Slavic country and treated it as part of the under-race.

The lateness of independence and a degree of bad conscience on the part of President Kravchuk, whose conversion to the cause of independence was sudden and late, has made him obsessed with the minutiae of statehood rather than channelling his energies towards the pressing matter of economic reform. He admonishes thoughtless guests like his recent visitor, Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, for persisting to refer to "the Ukraine", suggesting colonial status, rather than fully fledged "Ukraine". Russian newspapers stubbornly write the equivalent of the former, despite Kiev's protests.

Nervousness is hardly soothed by Moscow's ambassador telling diplomatic colleagues not to invest too much in their new embassies because Ukraine's independence is "a transitional phenomenon".

Ukraine's febrile parliament is dangerously inexperienced in handling sensitive relations. A disturbing number of MPs remain convinced that the republic's long-range nuclear missiles can be used as a deterrent against Moscow, although their trajectory makes them suitable for attacking the United States or China rather than Russia.

President Kravchuk is keen to blame troubles on Russia, but the recent miners' uprising in the Donbass industrial region has brought home the necessity of a shake-up. He has announced a referendum on his presidency and new parliamentary elections for the end of the year.

But the economic crisis is growing faster than the government's response to it. Productivity is abysmally low and the coupon currency is one of the only two, the other being Kirghizia, to slide against the feeble Russian rouble.

Services even in the capital are a dire hark-back to Soviet days. The grim Intourist hotel charges more than £100 a night for rooms without telephones and which are rarely cleaned.

Back in Moscow, they have responded to Kiev's tightening of border regulations by adding some of their own. But with typical Russian lassitude there was only one hapless bureaucrat manning the newly erected customs booths. The chorus of "Why is this necessary?" began again. He weighed this up and, being at heart more of a Russian than a functionary, let us through.

'Joel the Ripper' confesses to killings of 17 prostitutes



Rifkin: a shy man who apparently lived a life of deep suburban normality

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

NEW York police have arrested a suspected serial killer with disturbing parallels to Peter Sutcliffe, the "Yorkshire Ripper". Joel Rifkin, 34, is alleged to have confessed to killing 17 prostitutes over the past three years and dumping their bodies in remote areas across three states.

Mr Rifkin, an unemployed gardener, was stopped in Nassau County, Long Island, for a traffic offence in the early hours of Monday, but when the police looked in the back of his pick-up truck they discovered the decomposing body of a young woman hidden under a tarpaulin.

"I killed her," Mr Rifkin told the state troopers. "She was a prostitute." He said that he had picked up the woman last Thursday night, strangled her and hidden the body at his Long Island home.

During the next six hours, the suspect described, calmly according to the police, a string of murders he had carried out, noting that all of his victims were "New York City prostitutes, taken off the streets of New York City". He said he was on his way to Long Island's Republic airport where he planned to dispose of the body of his latest victim.

Police officers from New York, Connecticut and New Jersey have converged on Farmingdale, Long Island, where the suspect is being held, hoping to establish connections between Mr Rifkin's alleged confession and unsolved murders dating back at least three years. The police have not yet released the identities of the women Mr Rifkin is supected of killing and they say that he may be exaggerating the list of his victims.

Mr Rifkin, inevitably dubbed "Joel the Ripper" by the New York press, appears to have lived a life of deep suburban normality. A quiet, shy man who liked tinkering with cars, he lived with his adoptive mother and sister (who was also adopted) in the family home at East Meadow, Long Island, a place, in the words of of one journalist, "of deeply competitive shrubbery".

Neighbours describe an unexceptional, polite young man from a good family who was always ready to help. "This was the kind of young man who helped me carry the packages inside the house," a neighbour, Joyce Reiter, said. "He always said, 'Good morning'."

Mr Rifkin is said to have told the police that he started picking up prostitutes as soon as he obtained his driving licence at the age of 16, but his killing spree appears to have begun about three years ago.

"We believe that he patronised prostitutes and then murdered them," said Captain Walter Heesch, of the state police. "There are 15 or more cases we are looking into." By yesterday morning, the police said they believed they had established definite links to several unsolved murders, but would not provide details.

Mr Rifkin is said to have told the police that he had sexual intercourse with his victims and then killed them by suffocation or strangulation. He disposed of the bodies by burying them in isolated areas of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, putting them in oil drums and dumping them in the Hudson River, or burying them in rubbish dumps.

Although he is said to have confessed to keeping records, "dates and names" of all the women he had killed, it is unlikely that all the bodies will be recovered.

'Each young man had been warned of the danger of arrest and interrogation, and volunteered'

Protest in Pushkin Square



In 1982, Brian Crozier, Mrs Thatcher's private counter-subversion specialist, conceived a daring mission to use two Young Conservatives to distribute peace leaflets in Moscow. But he needed money — and only the CIA chief, Bill Casey, would provide it



Mission to Moscow: Brian Crozier (left) discusses plans for a peaceful protest in Moscow with Bill Casey, Ronald Reagan's CIA director. The CIA agreed to finance the demonstration, to be held by two Young Conservatives, who were warned of the danger

"You really think this can be done, Brian?" In his Langley office, Bill Casey looked sceptical. "Yes, Bill. *I do.*"

I had been telling him about a plan for a modest "peace" demonstration in Moscow. Nothing spectacular: just a plan to send two young men to distribute peace leaflets in the Soviet capital. The leaflets would call for nuclear arms reduction measures by both the USSR and the USA, instead of unilateral disarmament by the West as called for by the World Peace Council and its international subsidiaries.

The whole exercise was planned and organised by the Russian anti-Soviet exile group, NTS, through their man in London, George Miller. What they lacked was the modest sum needed to send two daring young men to Moscow.

Casey looked pensive. "How much money do you need?"

"Not much. Five thousand dollars should do."

The director of America's Central Intelligence Agency made up his mind. "No problem. Our people in London will hand it over."

There was no need for George Miller to know where the money came from, still less for the two volunteer "peaceniks". One was Harry Phibbs, at that time chairman of the Westminster Young Conservatives; the other Peter Caddick-Adams, also a Young Conservative.

The preparations were thorough. Phibbs and Caddick-Adams spent eight evenings being briefed by George Miller in a safe house in London. He drilled his two candidates in what to look for in the unfamiliar Soviet environment, in the layout of Moscow, how to deal with the Metro and taxis, and, not least, on the methods used by the KGB, should either be arrested, and how to defend themselves. Each young man had been specifically warned of the danger of arrest and interrogation and had volunteered to go ahead in full awareness of the risks.

They travelled on the same flight but without "recognising" each other, and stayed at different hotels. Phibbs had concealed his leaflets in knee-pads. He was stopped and detained for four hours at the airport and body-searched. The leaflets were confiscated. He was then taken to a hotel near the airport and held for another day and night. He was released and sent back to London, his mission unfulfilled.

Peter Caddick-Adams was luckier. He was not challenged at the airport. Next day, he was supposed to meet Harry in Pushkin Square, and realised something must have gone wrong when Harry failed to turn up. That day, he wrote and posted letters about his mission to various British and American media representatives in Moscow. He also distributed many leaflets at five Metro stations, encountering friendly curiosity and no hostility.

Caddick-Adams had kept his leaflets in a double bottom in a travelling case. On the second day, his case was searched, but the remaining leaflets were not found. These, too, he handed out.

When Caddick-Adams returned, the two young men held a press conference on September 10, 1982. With one exception, all British national dailies covered the story. The exception was *The Guardian*. The CIA's minor involvement was not known to the two activists.

The operation was repeated in mid-September 1983. This time, the plan was to send Guy Roberts, a student, aged 20, from Windsor, Berkshire, and the Rev Basil Watson, an Anglican clergyman from St Lawrence Jewry, London, well known for his anti-CND views. Roberts was to carry all the leaflets as he seemed less likely to be searched than Watson. They were to meet in Pushkin Square, where Roberts would hand half the leaflets to Watson.

In the event, Roberts was on his own. Before the planned departure, the Korean Airlines aeroplane on flight 007 was shot down over Soviet territory, which caused Watson, understandably, to opt out because of the increased risk that he might be put on trial.

A front organisation, the Anglo-Russian Peace Campaign, was set up to "sponsor" the trip. In Leningrad, Guy Roberts distributed several hundred leaflets to apparently enthusiastic citizens before being detained by the KGB, who later claimed that they had asked him in for "a friendly talk". Roberts came back to extensive media coverage.

As far as I know, the CIA was not involved in this second "peace protest".

Some months after the "peace" campaigns had taken off in Western Europe, the Soviet international department launched its nuclear freeze campaign in the US. John Barron, the noted American expert on the KGB, gathered the facts and presented them for the first time in October 1982.

It all began at the 26th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party (CPSU) in February 1981, when Leonid Brezhnev issued a call for a nuclear freeze. As Major-General John Singlaub put it, commenting on Barron's revelations, Brezhnev's spell locked the West in a position of marked inferiority.

Lee Edwards, a biographer of Ronald Reagan, journalist and Republican Party activist, reported the facts to me in a detailed memorandum.

At the 6I (Brian Crozier's private international spy network) early in 1981, we took a decision to create new peace counter-groups wherever necessary, and to assist such groups where they already existed, both financially and with ideas. It was a considerable international co-ordinating effort, which paid off in the end.

In the United States, with Jimmy Carter still in the White House, a group of distinguished Americans had set up a highly effective pressure group called the "Coalition for Peace through Strength". Among them were personal friends of mine, including the late General Richard G. Stilwell and Richard Perle, both of whom were appointed by Reagan to high posts in the Pentagon; Perle as deputy defence secretary and Stilwell as assistant defence secretary in charge of administration.

In Britain, a small group of young men, one of them an American, set up a matching "Coalition for Peace through Security". They included Edward Leigh, a young barrister who went on to become an enthusiastically Thatcherite MP, and a gifted young man named Julian Lewis. Introduced to me by Norris McWhirter, Dr Lewis became the 6I's leading activist in Britain, notably as the scourge of Monsignor Bruce Kent and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND).

Fortunately, for our collective survival, there were intelligent enthusiasts in the Nato countries to counter the pacifists. By now, in the spring of 1981, the 6I's budget was sufficient for general purposes, but not for the needs of the peace counter-groups. I naturally turned to the CIA, as the most likely source of funds, now that Reagan was president, and Bill Casey his director of the CIA. I tried the normal channels, discussing the question with a young agency man recently posted to the London station, and assigned to liaise with me. The new man was polite and appeared to be well motivated. I had not, however, allowed for the depressing legacy of Watergate and the Carter years. After several fruitless sessions, I decided, on May 29, 1981, to write directly to Casey:

face lies in the enormous Soviet "peace" campaign, conducted through the World Peace Council and its many subsidiaries, the CND, the Socialist International, and related bodies. On the Western side, nothing is being done through official channels.

If the Soviet effort succeeds in making it psychologically impossible for the continental European members of Nato to deploy the new generation of American nuclear missiles, then the missiles themselves will be worthless and the credibility of Trident and the French deterrent will be greatly reduced . . .

Money (derisory amounts, really) is desperately needed. In Washington in March, I persuaded CIA, with Dick Allen's support, to put in a initial sum of £50,000, and I have had confirmation that in principle a favourable decision has been taken. But no money has reached me.

I may soon find myself in the embarrassing situation of having persuaded people to go ahead, and with no money to give them.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN CROZIER



Harry Phibbs: hid the protest leaflets in his knee-pads

Two days later, the young man brought me a letter from Bill Casey, dated July 2. Its tone was almost effusively encouraging, but the message was negative. "As always," he wrote, "I am impressed with both your analysis of the situation and the practical steps you have taken. We all share a concern that every effort should be expended to try to see that Soviet attempts to interfere with the Western alliance are countered . . . The private sector must be associated with these activities to demonstrate that support comes from the people as well as the governments. Keep up the good work . . . " In his own hand, he added: "I get a lot out of your reports, which I read faithfully."

The frustrating story nevertheless ended happily. I found other ways of getting the money I needed: £50,000 that year, and $100,000 in 1982. On December 31, 1981, in a secret memorandum to the prime minister, I reported in detail on our activities.

Dear Bill,

Yesterday I had a further visit from our young man in London. This was the third visit, in each case to ask exactly the same questions. The questions are, however, by definition unanswerable. It is a typical chicken-and-egg situation . . .

Nevertheless, I *have* made a start in two countries, using some of our own money . . .

The trouble is that time is passing, while enormous resources are mustered and active on the other side. What a long way we have travelled, in the wrong direction, these past few years! Ten or 15 years ago, few eyebrows would have been raised at the suggestion that a million dollars might be used, for a start, in a matter of this importance. Now, obstacles are raised in a matter of the equivalent of £50,000, which is chicken-feed in relation to a problem of this magnitude.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN CROZIER

A month's silence followed. In mounting frustration, I wrote to the prime minister on July 3, 1981.

Dear Margaret,

Both SIS [the secret intelligence service] and CIA share my view that perhaps the most urgent challenge we

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France had decided to leave Nato. But our major intelligence coup was received sceptically by MI6

Our man inside the Elysée

BEFORE being forced out of the French secret service, My friend Antoine Bonnemaison had introduced me to a colleague of his who had resigned at the same time. I shall call him Gabriel Decazes. He was fiercely anti-communist.

By mid-1965, President de Gaulle's international behaviour had become increasingly eccentric. Since the rebuttal of his project for an Atlantic Directorate, his wartime anti-American attitude had deepened. To the extent that Britain, since the collapse of the Suez expedition, normally supported the United States, his attitude was also anti-British. More alarmingly, especially to the West Germans (and in the face of the Franco-German Treaty he had signed), he became increasingly pro-Soviet, in that he felt good relations with the Soviet Union would help reduce the weight of America in Western Europe.

From Bonnemaison and Decazes, I was kept well informed on these matters. Both men, and our small group felt (as I did) that de Gaulle's attitude constituted a growing threat to the unity of the Western Alliance. I remember one discussion at which the two Frenchmen solemnly agreed that the General had become *l'ennemi*. We agreed that something had to be done about it, mainly by monitoring his intentions. Gabriel Decazes, in particular, was well qualified, for he had kept close links with his former colleagues in the Counter Espionage Service (SDECE) and the Ministry of Defence. Indeed, he had well placed and talkative sources inside the Elysée Palace.

As the only "Anglo-Saxon" member of the little group, I was asked whether I was prepared to report any major hostile plans on de Gaulle's part, to the British and American governments. The plan of action was discussed and agreed in the spring of 1965.

In the event, our first spy operation was a joint one. I had argued the case for a detailed understanding of General de Gaulle's machinery of power. Specifically, we need to know how the Elysée staff functioned, the orders it was getting from the General, who was doing what . . . With his Elysée contacts, Decazes was able to give partial answers, with special emphasis on defence, but an overall view was lacking.

I, too, had contacts, and I suggested that the easiest way to find the answers we wanted would be for me to spend a morning at the Elysée Palace, ostensibly to gather material for an article.

The picture that emerged was, not unexpectedly, of a cultured man of gigantic ego; but more interestingly, of an ego increasingly frustrated, to the point of paranoia, by his inability to operate on the world stage. In his frustration, he was desperately searching for a *coup de théâtre* that would demonstrate France's independence of the Anglo-Saxon superpower and its British smaller brother.

Before the end of the year, de Gaulle had settled on the theatrical symbolism he needed: France was to pull out of Nato. Decazes gave me the news in December. It was a major intelligence coup, and he urged me to pass it on to London and Washington *immediately. I did what I* could, which was to write a succinct memo, which I passed on to Ronald Franks [my *SIS contact*], with the necessary background explanations. Four months later, on March 9 1966, de Gaulle announced his decision to withdraw France from the integrated command of the Atlantic Treaty Organisation (while remaining formally committed to the Alliance itself). A year later, on April 1 1967, he expelled the Allied forces from France.



De Gaulle: eccentric

It is sad to recall that Decazes's intelligence was received sceptically in M16, in the Foreign Office and in Washington. No action was taken to forestall de Gaulle's coup.

After the March 1966 announcement, Ronald Franks wrote me a note of warm congratulations, and of apologies for official scepticism. The Decazes group had been deeply dismayed by the lack of active response from the "Anglo-Saxons". Although Decazes had kept his detailed plans, if any, to himself, I had surmised that he had banked on swift and firm action from London and Washington, in the hope that in the ensuing crisis, his friends in the Armed Forces would find a way of ousting de Gaulle.

Some years later, Aleksei Myagkov, the first defector from the KGB's Third Chief Directorate — which operated within, and spied upon, the Soviet Armed Forces — revealed that France's withdrawal from Nato was regularly cited in officer training courses as a major KGB success.

The attribution of this decision to KGB influence supports the thesis that the KGB probably had an agent of influence inside the Elysée. De Gaulle's decision was of course a major blow to the Western Alliance, both self-inflicted by a leading member, and a positive success for the enemy.

DESPITE his deep disappointment, Decazes continued his spying operation within the Elysée for nearly three years. Some of the information he kept to himself, but there was enough left over to keep me, and other members of the group, well informed about policies and political trends.

Although there were no further dramatic scoops, his information was particularly useful to me during the great crisis of May-June 1968 in interpreting the Soviet-directed role of the French Communist Party (PCF). Paradoxically, by calling a general strike, the PCF broke the student challenge that had come within an ace of ousting de Gaulle. The communists had no desire to be shown to be outflanked by the New Left; nor did they want de Gaulle to be brought down, for his anti-American policies had proved useful.

At this time, Decazes lost heart and decided to retire. I never saw him again.

Franco and the bug bid

THE BOSTON publishers, Little, Brown, had made my contract for the proposed biography of Franco conditional on my interviewing him and obtaining assurances of access to Spanish archives.

In November 1965, on the last day of an exploratory week in Madrid, I was received by the Caudillo. A taciturn man, he replied to my questions in monosyllables until I asked him when he became aware of the threat of communism. At this point, he became voluble. He had seen the death threat as early as 1917, he said, and had begun to study communism seriously in 1928. I made it clear that I was a man of liberal views and had supported the Republican side during the Civil War, but that I had been anti-Communist for nearly 20 years. It must have been this last factor that tipped the balance. I was promised access to archives.



Franco: aware of the threat

My "access" extended to high officials, including the Director-General of Information, Carlos Robles Piquer, a fervent Catholic, and his political boss, the Information and Tourism Minister, the ebullient, impatient Manuel Fraga Iribarne.

The degree of my access was naturally of interest to the SIS at Century House. As a parting shot after lunch one day at the Athenaeum, Maurice Oldfield [the late head of MI6] asked if I would be prepared to place a "bug" under the desk of a high official I was seeing regularly at the Foreign Ministry. I declined without hesitation, partly because I thought I would be extremely vulnerable to detection, but also because I did not think the potential gains justified the risk. The only matter of interest to Century House seemed to be the Spanish attitude to Gibraltar. I have often wondered whether Oldfield was being serious. On balance, I think not. It had been a good lunch.

The SIS man in Madrid was a self-effacing but intelligent man who had the eccentricities of his trade to a high degree. I was impressed by his ability to tell me things, just audibly, out of the corner of a static mouth.

Hardly any worthwhile intelligence came my way during the busy first eight or nine months of my stay. Towards the end, however, I did provide SIS with some useful material, notably a detailed account of a one-to-one talk I had with Admiral Carrero Blanco, then Franco's successor-designate but later assassinated by ETA, the Basque terrorist gang.

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Air-brushed and otherwise tidied up, writers' pictures on their book jackets rarely match the real thing

Booking a photo opportunity

William Cash blames his mother. My colleague, and this paper's Los Angeles correspondent, has just written his first book which sports not just one but two pictures of the writer — one in glorious Warholesque colour on the front, the other a moody black-and-white shot on the back.

The point is, as young William himself admits, neither picture looks the slightest bit like the lad we fondly remember at Wapping. What's happened to the pebble-dash glasses? The secondhand suits? The ten o'clock off-the-peg, as opposed to designer, stubble? All have vanished in the interests of the authorial make-over. Like the majority of today's authors, Cash jnr (son of Bill) has been spruced-up, back-lit and air-brushed for the sake of the book.

One short cut is simply to select a photo several years out of date. This Cash has done: the black-and-white shot is four years old, sans receding hairline. Others write into their contracts that a certain snapper will take the picture. The going rate is now about £3,000.

Publishers are happy to bow to the trend, which began in newspapers in the 1960s when they dropped the authoritative "From our own correspondent" in favour of by-lines. Only *The Economist* has resisted it. The writer's picture has now become an accepted part of publishers' marketing.

A romantic blockbuster looks better with a picture of a writer who looks as though she might have been the heroine. Think of Jilly Cooper or Jackie Collins. Romances written by advertising copywriters or little old ladies sensibly do not carry their authors' photos. Biographies of the royals used to sell better if written by women, and male writers were not ashamed to don a female soubriquet. The journalist Brian Murphy, for example, became Linda Doesser for the purposes of his life of Princess Di at his publisher's behest. He did, though, resist the opportunity to wear a blonde wig and have the back of his head photographed, as one waggish writer once managed.



RACHEL KELLY

A worthy tome is enhanced by a snap of a bespectacled author. Feminist polemic invariably moves off the shelves faster when written by a belle — witness Naomi Wolf or Gloria Steinem, proving their point by being beautiful.

There are dangers. The serious lady novelist who is also a looker may have problems being taken seriously. One thinks of Candia McWilliam, for example. Or the bland photograph may disguise the true passions which beat beneath an author's breast.

Writers may create unrealistic expectations of what they really look like and disappoint in the flesh. The Harvard Business School definition of success is expectation minus achievement. Lower expectations with a lousy photo and you will pleasantly surprise your readers at book signings. More seriously, the stress on a writer's appearance is in danger of overshadowing their literary merit. The larger the picture, often the worse the book.

Writers should remember that the greatest of them all not only did not produce a picture of himself but didn't even bother to publish his plays, which were published after his death by his friends. The history of English literature is littered with self-effacing writers, especially women, whose books often appeared with the line "By the author of" or with a pseudonym (George Eliot or the Brontës) — though admittedly that owed more to the convention that it was not genteel for women to write than to authorial modesty. There is an honourable tradition of pseudonyms still today, but just as the only people who mind about by-lines are other hacks, so I think the only people who mind about writers' photographs are other writers.

Pictures, in the end, are irrelevant to literary talent. The most sparkling authors themselves are often dull in the flesh or work in dull professions — one thinks of Philip Larkin in his library, T.S. Eliot in his bank, or even Graham Greene sub-editing on *The Times*. As Flaubert said: "Be regular and ordinary in your life, like a bourgeois, so that you can be violent and original in your books." And, he might have added, forget the photo. Time I had a new shot taken.

Memories are made of this

Julia Llewellyn Smith turned up, tried to tune in, and dropped some inhibitions at the Glastonbury Festival, now an obligatory part of the summer season

JULIAN HERBERT



Lost in tents: 80,000 spectators muddled their way round the Glastonbury Festival, which promised much but never delivered it entirely as expected

Early morning and the fields were covered with bodies. Mud-splattered and bleary-eyed, I picked my way over them, searching for the one communal tap to dip my head under. Hawkers dressed in rags tugged at my arm, children wailed. I held my breath to ward off the stink of the latrines. For this 80,000 people had paid £58.

When you decide to go to Glastonbury, you don't think about the squalor. What lures you there is an impressive list of star names and a feeling that the 23-year-old festival, like Wimbledon or the last night of the Proms, is a part of the English summer that everyone ought to experience once.

This is why hordes of pasty town dwellers, most of whom thought camp was an adjective, found themselves on Friday night on a windswept Somerset hill, struggling with ground sheets and tent poles and cursing the fact that they had forgotten a torch.

In this way, and in many others, Glastonbury is a great leveller. In the shanty-town atmosphere, where ordinary acts of hygiene such as toothbrushing and hairwashing are virtually impossible, vanity disappears. Once your everyday, clean persona has gone, every facility, from head shaving to temporary tattooing, is available to transform you for three days into a freewheeling spirit. By Saturday lunchtime it is impossible to tell where anyone really comes from or what they do.

The advent of grunge has added to this air of anonymity. In the 1980s, the Glastonbury spirit was a true alternative to the cult of shoulder pads and high heels. Once, a girl with unwashed hair, a flimsy, floral frock and 12-hole Doc Martens could have been going only to a rock festival. This year she would look equally chic at Henley.

One imagines it will not be long before *Hello!* magazine goes to Glastonbury: "Leading crusty Sniffer Scabhead welcomes us into his charming Somerset tent, where he opens his heart about the scant availability of lavatory paper and his regrets over his misunderstandings with the county's police force."

The hippy look may be back, but the values show no sign of returning. The festival's profits, expected to be around £100,000, will go to Greenpeace, yet the litter bins overflow with polystyrene cups and the food vans' engines throb throughout the night. The market stalls sell Third World jumpers and alternative medicines at twice their high-street price. "Buy an amulet and get a really good job," one trader shouted.

The genuine dropouts are still there, but are almost impossible to spot. Once the clue was a mangy dog on a piece of string, every New Age traveller's favourite accessory. This year the festival organisers cunningly banned animals, in an attempt to keep travellers out. The only way to detect them was to hope for a hot day and then look for the nipple stud. While multi-holed ears and beringed noses mean little these days, a pierced nipple still shows a genuine desire to walk on the wild side.

Much of the festival's promise is never delivered. Hours are spent trudging the long distances from the Pyramid Stage, to the *New Musical Express* stage, to the cabaret tent, to the open-air cinema, but invariably the slow-moving crowds and last-minute reschedules mean you hardly ever find what you came for. Sex is a possible diversion, but a sweaty tent where six other people are sleeping poses a distinct threat to the libido. Drugs are readily available, but quality is by no means guaranteed. "Poor old Steve can't leave the toilet. He bought three lots of speed in a row and they were all laxatives," one festival goer was overheard saying.

Even rock 'n' roll can disappoint. This year's bands were an impressive cross-section of pop history from a revived and still snarling Velvet Underground to the current darlings of the *NME*: Suede, Belly and Jamiroquai. But viewed across rows of matted dreadlocks they lost their impact. Rock music is not meant to be played outdoors and despite the house-sized amplifiers, is apt to shatter in the wind or be drowned out by the ghetto blaster at a vegetarian sausage stall.

Despite the shortcomings, or even because of them, Glastonbury is still enjoyable. With such vast numbers there are bound to be problems: this year two men were stabbed, 194 arrests were made, 636 crimes were reported and £45,000 worth of drugs were seized. Most people, however, are peaceloving and come with elaborate plans, then abandon them in favour of lying on the grass with their drink and drugs and letting the noise wash over them.

In many ways the experience is like an Oxford or Cambridge ball. You spend a week's rent on your entrance ticket, only to see gatecrashers pouring over the fence. You sleep too little and drink too much. You pore over the programme but still never make it to the acts you really wanted to see.

The difference is that after Glastonbury, you come back with a tan and an appreciation of flush loos and hot, running water that will last until the next pop festival.

Catalyst for enterprise

Alan Hamilton on a prince on the lookout for thriving communities

THE PRINCE of Wales, according to one of his senior aides, is a great man for seeing things from the bottom up. It is a viewpoint which has not always endeared him to architects, planners and other citadels of entrenched professionalism, but it is one which has attracted widespread public support ever since his now-legendary carbuncle address to the Royal Institute of British Architects.

That he has agreed to become chairman of this year's Community Enterprise Awards, sponsored by *The Times* and to be launched today, is an indication that he is no mere critic of the worst excrescences of our built environment, but an active campaigner for their improvement.

Much misunderstanding, some of it wilful, has pursued the prince in the five years since he fired his volley across the bows of the architectural establishment. Norman (now Lord) Tebbit counselled him against using a privileged position to advocate socialist solutions to inner-city problems; designers still accuse him of favouring thatch and Regency pastiche at the expense of good contemporary building.

His critics do scant justice to the prince's vision, which is broad but simple. He believes that bad housing, depressing surroundings, high unemployment and soaring juvenile crime are closely interrelated, and that governments with their distant and departmental approach have a limited ability to cure social ills. His solution is to involve the people themselves in the improvement of their surroundings, in the belief that a feeling of ownership can engender both pride and hope.



Campaigner: the prince

Improvements can be small, like the establishment by a local entrepreneur of a laundrette on the Cruddas Park housing estate in Newcastle upon Tyne which provided washing facilities, a social focus and four jobs. Or they can be large, like an entire estate in the London borough of Waltham Forest being handed over to a housing action trust, with the residents deciding how to turn sixties brutalism into something more acceptable to live in.

The prince has never claimed to be an expert in sociology, or architecture, or urban planning. He claims that his only skill is that of a catalyst, bringing together entrepreneurs with imagination and will, and businessmen and professionals with money and skill.

In that, he has been notably successful. His "Seeing is believing" programme sends businessmen out to look at specific social problems, with the instruction that they report back to the prince with ideas and, it is hoped, offers of help.

On one notable occasion he dispatched a group of senior hotel chain executives to look at the plight of the homeless in London. The result: Ladbroke's found that they owned the disused Vernons Pools headquarters in Liverpool, and handed it over to be turned into a hostel and training centre for the city's young homeless, opened by the prince last December.

Money can still be a problem, even on small projects. The prince hopes to have raised £2 million by next March, to be matched by a £1 million government grant, with which he plans to launch a community investment loan fund.

Julia Cleverdon, chief executive of Business In The Community, which manages the Community Enterprise awards, said: "The prince sees his role as encouraging people in the community who can make things happen. He has always been on the side of real people and of the human scale. He is David versus the Goliath of planning."

For the prince himself, there is more than a hint of self-interest. He has no wish to inherit a country with a socially deprived underclass disconnected from the rest of society. For him, the only view from the bottom is up.

Sell-outs and mortal sins: all revealed at a gaudy night

Back to the unreal world

It couldn't be, no surely not What's-His-Name, the scourge of capitalist exploiters, 1983-87, who once proposed a motion donating our recreation funds to striking miners, now suave in a velvet dinner jacket and guiltlessly pocketing the profit from selling off bottles of lager after closing time at twice the usual price? And could the girl in the floral print frock politely discoursing with an elderly don really be identical with the bovver-booted doyenne of yesterday's Feminist Theory Reading Group?

Five years have passed since I left my rusty bicycle to rot in the cellar of Wadham College, Oxford and headed for what we residents of the back quad used to describe disdainfully as "the real world". How strange to get out of the real world for a weekend and attend the college gaudy, an event which in Oxford and Cambridge is a strange mixture of network service for past students and donation-soliciting session for colleges which, however rich they are in comparison with other universities, consider themselves close to penury and have no qualms about begging.

All our finest Trotskyists and radical feminists were out in force, the black power T-shirts effortlessly replaced by black tie. Straightforwardly ambitious journalists, civil servants and lawyers, remembering the taunts of "hacking it", "selling out" and other mortal sins shuffled self-consciously as they admitted to steady jobs, mortgages, marriages and offspring.

Nobody dared suggest that changing the emphasis of one's life from consuming quantities of dope and posting Militant Tendency posters in the Commarket to working as an asset stripper in the City was worthy of critical comment: the unwritten rule of gaudies is that it is unacceptable to say what you are thinking about *autres temps* having entailed *autres moeurs* for everyone except yourself.

A certain suspension of honesty is necessary. Over the years I have overheard old members waxing lyrical about the delights of evening chapel and seeing "so many old friends". Most people have five or six college friends they really want to see, ten they feel pleasant but unenthusiastic about seeing, twenty they want to avoid and a hundred and fifty whose names they cannnot remember.

Wadham is a college in which a wayward streak of political correctness is tempered by the fact that the phrase's definition changes with every generation. There is still a Ho Chi Minh quad — renamed during the Vietnam War. I arrived at Wadham when the miners' strike was at its height and my lasting impression of student politics was the girl next to me shrieking "fascist bastard" at someone who did not agree with her.

There is no longer a list in the junior common room offering a range of strikes at which we were invited to picket. With the thinning-out of labour disputes and the waning of Thatcherism, the mood has become gentler, the causes have changed, although the expectation that all right-thinking people will think the same appears unchanged.

The JCR minutes testify to a lot of awareness-heightening and consciousness-raising. It is now agitating about the pay rights of *Daily Mail* employees. Shame on you, Wadham.

Reunions have sparked a minor literary genre from the murderous intrigues of Dorothy L. Sayers in *Gaudy Night* to the emotional entanglements revisited in *The Big Chill* and *Peter's Friends*.

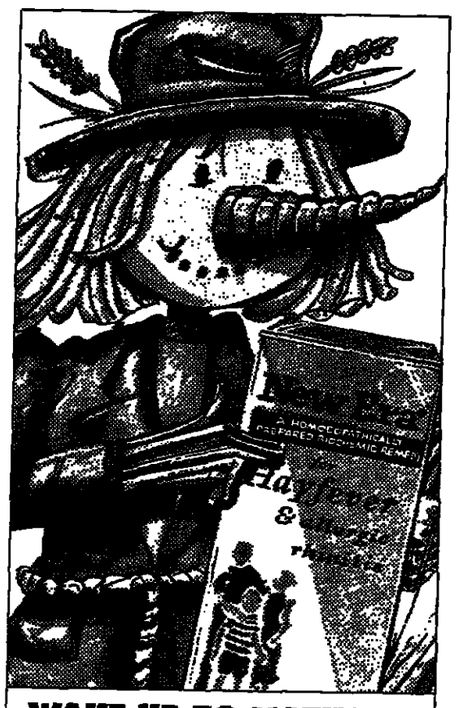
Wadham's event, which coincided with the departure of Sir Claus Moser as warden, had shades of Tom Sharpe about it. The domestic bursar praised the departing warden as being susceptible to the charms of the women of Wadham, leaving poor Sir Claus trying to look as though he admired us in a disembodied sort of way but not so much as to be guilty of lechery.

There was a spare space at High Table: Ashwin Kumar, the current JCR president, had decided to follow the tradition of boycotting, vetoing and banning things, and did not attend on behalf of the current students "because I don't approve of dressing up in black tie for the sake of it: it's elitist".

Some time towards the end of the century he will receive a crested invitation to dine again among the oak panels of Hall, to pass the port from the college cellar and to listen to the chapel bells ring out across the still evening quads. And I'll bet him a donation to whichever solidarity fund is then in vogue that he will dust down his dinner jacket and thoroughly enjoy it.

ANNE MCELVOY

● *The author left Wadham in 1988.*



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Alan Coren



A TV quiz show has made MPs more ridiculous than they make themselves

Even as I type, wistful red-eyed men in pavilions and pubs throughout the queendom, in cell blocks and railway compartments, in hospital wards and clubs and staffrooms and airport lounges, will be debating their paragon England XIs. They will be struggling to decide whether Hobbs should open with Hutton or Grace, they will be wondering whether to complement Barnes with Larwood or Trueman, they will be flipping coins between Evans and Knott, they will be forever selecting Botham and dropping him again in favour of Rhodes. That is what the bereft do when a nadir casts its long shadow across the wicket and there is little left to play for and no players left to shuffle: you deal out yesteryear's cards, and weep for your Hornby and your Barlow long ago, when the pack held only aces and kings.

I, however, am not doing that today, because the future of English cricket is far too serious a matter for a column like this, I am merely doing something similar. I am wondering whether to select Lloyd George or Walpole to face the Younger Pitt, and if Disraeli rather than Palmerston should open with Churchill, but would that mean leaving out Gladstone? I am doing this because I have just watched two teams play a new English summer game, and if I do not pretty smartly come up with some way of coping with the experience, there is a grave risk of my causing damage to the underside of a bus, for the end of civilisation as we know it is not something to be shrugged off.

I have been watching an ITV game show called *A Kick in the Ballots*, an interesting title in that it renders all criticism of it otiose. As for the programme itself, it is beyond criticism; by which I mean that it has carried its genre into an area in which the reviewer is no longer adequate. This is a job for the firing squad.

Its opening line declares, "From the mother of parliaments, a mother of a game show", a keynote than which no other could more succinctly summarise how far our hapless culture has fallen. It is declared by Charles Kennedy MP, not merely chairman of the quiz but president of the Liberal Democrats, who would like to be prime minister one day; and since he will be this only if confidence in the two major parties erodes utterly, it is not difficult to imagine how high he must have jumped at ITV's offer. For he is moderating two teams selected from those very parties, on his right, Conservative, on his left, Labour, and his task is the not always easy one of making them even more ridiculous than they make themselves. These teams, moreover, are led by two other men who until very recently also daydreamed, not unreasonably, of what it would be like to put a lip to Her Majesty's proffered knuckle: the Rt Hon Neil Kinnock and the Rt Hon David Mellor. Mr Kinnock captains Kate Hoey and Tony Banks, Mr Mellor has Teresa Gorman and Jerry Hayes, all of whom, of course, are empowered to write the nation's laws, because they succeeded in persuading the nation of their fitness to do so.

But that is not what they are doing on *A Kick in the Ballots*. Mr Mellor (introduced by Mr Kennedy as "the Little Lord Fauntleroy of fun") is doing an impression of Sir Winston Churchill explaining how to darn a sock. Ms Hoey is doing an impression of Harold Wilson, puffing at her pencil as if it were a pipe. Mr Banks is extolling the virtues of poking a carrot up one's rectum, everyone, in short, is generally behaving in a manner which you have come to expect of the mother of parliaments' most illustrious children.

That they have each and every one of them incessantly complained of the trivialisation of politics by television would be as ungracious to observe as it would be to wonder whether an MP brings his party into greater disrepute by accepting a free weekend in Cyprus or taking £500 off ITV for acting the prat. Better, if you are seeking a view of the pretty pass things have come to, to wool-gather like me. Imagine: "Hallo, and welcome to another cracking game of *A Kick in the Ballots*, my name is Herbert Asquith, and with me tonight I have on my right, Winston Churchill, Ben Disraeli and Stan Baldwin, and on my left Keir Hardie, Clem Attlee and Stafford Cripps, so without further . . ."

Go on, imagine.

Tainted funding of the parties does not have to mean tarnished politics, says **Woodrow Wyatt**

In defence of the disreputable

Yesterday's sensational scenes when Michael Mates talked of Asil Nadir in his resignation statement, may have seemed a gift to the editor of *The Sunday Times*. He had told us that he would make the issue of where the Tory party gets its funds run and run. On television on Saturday night he likened it to Watergate, which destroyed President Nixon. If his aim is to destroy the Tory party or the prime minister, or both, it is unlikely that all the investigative journalists at his disposal will help. On the heels of each revelation of a dubious Tory source of cash comes exposure of gifts to Labour from a patently dishonest donor. *The Independent on Sunday* claimed it had evidence that a Greek Cypriot, Charilaos Costa, who fled this country two years ago when on fraud charges, "systematically stole money from his companies and up to £300,000 of it may have ended up going to Labour".

After first denying the connection, Labour has now officially admitted receiving presents from this Greek Cypriot gentleman (once, politicians knew their *Aeneid*: "beware of Greeks bearing gifts"). Labour party officials have said that the funds appear "pretty dubious" and will be given back, but to whom they might go back is not clear. In the game of mud-slinging between socialists and Tories over funds from dishonest and dishonourable sources, the public should mark their cards for a draw. The ghost of Lloyd George must be smiling benignly on the Liberal Democrats. Luckily for them they are not sufficiently important for any disreputable donor to have considered it worth giving them money. Their chastity will be tested if they ever seem close to real power.

Hypocrisy is not a bad thing. The British are adept at it in all spheres of activity. Deceiving ourselves and each other makes life more agreeable, and when each new scandal breaks, how pleasant it is to sit in lofty condemnation of the alleged sinners. Members of juries who revel in the seamier sections of tabloid newspapers love mulcting them in heavy damages, pretending a high morality they do not possess. Receivers of so-called tainted money are now in the stocks, to the merriment of self-righteous bystanders affecting shock.

Let us look a little deeper. The art dealer Lord Duveen was a magnificent benefactor. He gave valuable pictures and money for new buildings to the Tate Gallery, to the National Gallery, to the National Portrait Gallery, to a gallery at the British Museum to house the Elgin Marbles, and much besides. The core of his wealth depended on his collaboration with Bernhard Berenson, the American art critic. When Berenson gave his opinion that such and such a picture was by an old master, knowing it was not, Duveen was able to sell it at vastly inflated sums. So what should we do with all his noble gifts? As good British hypocrites, keep them of course, and forget the dubious source.

Cecil Rhodes was a great British patriot. He made immense fortunes, at the outset by highly questionable means, from diamond mines. Among his beneficiaries was the Oxford University he loved, where he endowed the Rhodes Scholarships for Americans and Germans. President Clinton, as a recipient of one, learnt to love culture and Britain. Investigative journalists of *The Sunday Times* could readily show the money behind these scholarships was tainted. Should they be ended? Clearly not.

We should have a sense of proportion about the funding of political parties. The suggestion that they should receive from the taxpayer what they need to pursue their propaganda would, if enacted, give rise to more chicanery than there is at present. *Inter alia*, emerging new parties could reasonably complain they had been denied the scale of public funding given to established parties.

Provided that donations to parties do not come from foreign governments (though of course the United States and to a lesser degree Britain have frequently given money to governments under threat of overthrow by an opposition they dislike), it should be of no import where the money originates, home or abroad. Unless, that is, there are strings attached. Occasionally, maybe, knighthoods and peerages are awarded which otherwise would not have been — I can think of examples from both major parties. But Tory governments delight in infuriating their backers, whether or not they have honours awarded to them. Their imprecations and threats to withdraw finance are loud, and sometimes implemented.

Here is the weakness of Labour, which should never have become tangled in quarrels over party funding. It is not financially viable without the support of trade unions, who openly declare their price, one that is accepted by Labour. The unions now have the decisive role in the election of Labour's leaders. They also insist on direct inputs into a Labour government's economic policy, an influence which Tory businessmen must greatly envy. Moreover, the unions refuse to give up their block votes at Labour conferences, where they can usually carry any policies they choose, not only in economic matters but foreign affairs and everything which affects our individual life.

On Sunday a poll conducted by BBC1's *On The Record* revealed that most Labour constituency parties are against John Smith's one-member, one-vote campaign, preferring the unions to continue their control of Labour. To the public this is a far more serious matter than the question of which Cypriot businessman on the run donates more to the Tories or Labour.

Hollywood morality gone mad

The US raid on Baghdad not only failed any legal or ethical test: it lacked logic

Simon Jenkins

For Cold War summits now read Tomahawk missiles. American presidents used to gain stature by talking tough to stone-faced evil emperors. Now there is no evil empire, only tinpot dictators. There is no stature in talking to them, so they are bombed instead. President Clinton's weekend attack on the al-Mansour suburb of Baghdad was blatantly illegal and immoral. The only question is, was it sensible?

I accept from yesterday's evidence presented by the American United Nations ambassador that there was a plot to assassinate George Bush in Kuwait last April. I am even ready to prejudice the trial of those arrested for this plot by accepting that the Iraqi government, in some guise, was involved. I believe such plots against world leaders are peculiarly odious, though America has dabbled in them and Britain supported its 1986 bomb attempt on Colonel Gaddafi's life. The Kuwait plot is now subject to the judicial process in Kuwait. For the Americans to pre-empt that process, which is taking place in a state whose legal integrity they went to war to restore, is extraordinary. For them to do so by sending missiles against a populated city is reckless. For them then to plead "self-defence" is hokum of the sort once associated with ghoulish Kremlin apologias.

If international law approved this attack then international law is devoid of meaning. It will approve anything. Article 51 of the UN charter, to which the United States appealed, permits states the right of self-defence against "armed attack" until the security council has taken measures necessary to maintain international peace and security. Only the most sophistical lawyer could claim the Baghdad bombing as "self-defence". Like the 1986 Tripoli raid, it enjoyed no UN authorisation or allied support. Unlike last January's bombing raid on Iraq, it was not preceded by a violation of a UN order.

Nor was there any outstanding threat against American citizens or territory that the missiles might forestall. If anything the opposite: the Bush plot had failed and its putative perpetrators caught. If there were other threats, they remain conjectural. This was a reprisal raid against Iraqi intelligence. It was executed not by agents on the ground, which would have avoided civilian casualties, but by missiles. The only surprise is that 23 missiles killed only six people, their lives expected in some bizarre way to atone for the fact of the plot. How many would have been killed if the bomb had gone off? If Americans are killed in an IRA bomb, would the Pentagon now send a Tomahawk down the Falls Road? This approach to international order has the same moral and legal content as wiping out an Indian village after a botched attack on a wagon train.

Yet the British foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, said the raid was "justified and proportionate". He did not, I note, use the words legal and moral. He backed Mr Clinton to the hilt, as did his UN ambassador, Sir David Hannay. He rejected the argument that UN mandates needed to be sought whenever an aggrieved power wants to bomb somebody — which will comfort dictators the world over — and remarked that Arabs would feel "safer and more satisfied" that America was prepared to show leadership.

Last January, Mr Hurd gave a sensible speech at London's Chatham House in which he presciently deplored talk of a "new world order". It would, he said, raise expectations that the Western powers could not satisfy. What was important was that there should be a policeman of some sort on the horizon but that this policeman should not be a single power but "the international community". Nor should that community claim a lasting, neo-imperial, status as a result of any intervention.

The Americans are the policeman with Iraq. They argue that instant and fierce retribution is the only language Arabs understand, and that the world's top superpower must apply it. Morality, even legality, has never been a limiting consideration in foreign policy. Power is the only limit, expediency the only judge. Superpowers may decide to avail themselves of such moral and legal umbrellas as UN mandates (Somalia), local alliances (Kuwait) and "invitations" (Grenada), but not always. Superpowers are both super and powers. They can be judge, jury and executioner at will. The rest of the world understands that implicitly. Sometimes it might as well be understood explicitly.

I buy this situational ethic in the general, but not in the particular. The justification for the Baghdad raid may not lie in legality, but it must lie in the future behaviour of the Iraqi government and other governments tempted to behave in like manner. That is the test of all intervention and one that this raid must surely fail. Experience says that intervention is most effective when most local, least effective when enforced by a heady Hollywood cocktail of moral self-righteousness and airborne mayhem.



Tomahawk diplomacy: a father grieves at the funeral of his son, killed in America's attack on the Iraqi capital

Last January George Bush, with British support, celebrated his departure from office with a murderous blitz on Baghdad. It did nothing to make the Iraqis comply with UN directives, which they still defy. Nor did the raid bring Washington's much-vaunted "moderates" out of the woodwork to topple Saddam. It merely killed people and provoked an attempt on Mr Bush's life.

Whether or not such displays of technological throw-power deter dictators or encourage democracy, I do not know. The onus of proof is surely on the Americans. I doubt if the raids make the Iraqi regime less stable. We have been bombing Iraq for over two years and Saddam is as entrenched as ever. He now has an added incentive to show his virility by attacking Kurdistan, demonstrating to his people that the Americans have not the guts to put their troops where their bombs are. I cannot believe that Saddam will be any more disinclined to terrorism, probably the opposite. As long as America is ready to give him a regular "slap" — as the January raid was called in Washington — he wins grudging prestige among Arab fundamentalists.

What should worry America's allies, in other words, is not the illegality or immorality of Mr Clinton's swashbuckling foreign policy but its stupidity. It does not achieve any obvious goal. In Somalia, in Bosnia, in Iraq, America seems careless of the consequences of its actions, interested only in how it will play back home. The impact on Western policy in the Gulf is disregarded. The status of the UN is undermined. The objective of American intervention seems confused, almost frantic — witness the bloody futility of the aerial attack on the Aidid gang in Mogadishu this month.

After Vietnam, Henry Kissinger pondered whether America could truly learn from its "loss of innocence" in foreign affairs or would "consume its substance in rebelling against its maturity". Rebelling against maturity is a good description of last Saturday's bombing. But why is Britain rebelling too? Would John Major have reacted to a foiled plot against, say, Lady Thatcher by sending cruise missiles against a foreign capital? The only defence of Britain's support is the cynical one sometimes offered by the Foreign Office in private that the Americans' machismo must be permitted its occasional burst of bloodletting or they will fold their tents and go home. It is in Britain's interest for America to be strong and internationalist. If a bombing raid per month and a pile of Third World corpses is the price for that leadership, so be it.

This thesis would carry more conviction if any other countries but Britain were persuaded to agree with it. Neither French nor German governments do. I notice that the Foreign Office's attachment to European political co-operation is as tenuous as was Germany's over Croatia and Bosnia. When Washington says kneel, London kneels without a murmur. Forget a joint foreign policy for Europe.

As superpowers go, I prefer the Americans to any other. Heaven preserve us from the Russians, the European Community or the United Nations in its present shambles. The Americans have not gone home after the Cold War. They seem hesitantly to have taken up Kipling's burden, accepting "The blame of those ye better/ The hate of those ye guard". They are entitled to flex their muscles and complain when their allies order their intervention à la carte not table d'hôte. So table d'hôte it is. But Britain should have the courage to say when some of the dishes stink.

Acid in the soil

WITH Anne Robinson resigning from her Radio 2 show in protest at the BBC contracting it out to the independent sector, what fate awaits Clay Jones, presenter of Radio 4's *Gardeners' Question Time*? Jones has privately let it be known that he is deeply unhappy about the BBC's plans to have the much-loved programme independently produced by next Easter.

Jones will not comment but a friend says he is "keeping his head down. He thinks the BBC should not be contracting out their programmes, that it does not fit with its aims. He is thinking about whether he wants to stay after it is contracted out."

He may, of course, have no option. Jones, who started on the programme as a panellist 17 years ago and became chairman in 1985, will be 70 in November. With the BBC's drive to attract younger listeners to Radio 4, a more youthful presenter is possible. Liz Rigbey, former editor of *The Archers* and now one of the regular presenters of *Gardeners' World* on BBC2, Gay Search, who presented BBC2's *Front Gardens* earlier this year, and Pippa Greenwood, the plant pathologist, are likely contenders.

But the thought of a Clay Jones-less *Gardeners' Question Time* horrifies the nation's gardeners. Penelope Hobhouse, who tends the National Trust's Tintinhull gardens in Somerset, says: "Clay Jones is jolly good and he should stay, definitely."

With the apparent success of the pro-longwave campaigners, might a Keep Clay Jones campaign be brewing? Bill Simpson, head of horticulture at the Royal Horticulture Society, believes it should be: "He is excellent. He has a knack of adding humour but he is a serious horticulturist too. He should stay." One topical tip for the BBC to ponder.

● *Having made history in 1966 as the first woman editor of the Cambridge University newspaper* Varsity, *Suzy Menkes, now fashion editor of* The International Herald Tribune, *is claiming another first. Her son Gideon Spanier, who graduated last weekend from Cambridge, also edited* Varsity, *making them, she claims, the first mother and son to have edited the paper. Clearly another media dynasty in the making.*

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Renaissance man

A BUSY man, David Mellor. As if being MP for Putney, an ENO board member, *Guardian* columnist, Sports Aid Foundation chairman and Radio 2 presenter were not enough, he is to become a trustee of the Richmond Theatre in Surrey. He will become one of ten trustees of the theatre, which, after a £4.3 million refurbishment last year, now boasts new seats, loos and dressing rooms.



Mellor was approached by the chairman of the theatre's trustees, Sally Greene. She says: "I met him at the Hammersmith Lyric a few weeks ago and he was intelligent and spoke very well about theatre. He has good contacts in the arts. We are constantly raising funds for the theatre and it is always nice to have a new set of people to go to for help."

Missing Mates

NO wonder Michael Mates couldn't stop talking in his dramatic resignation speech yesterday. The forthright minister had withdrawn from all other speaking engagements this week.

Among the cancellations was a lecture that Colonel Mates, as he is known, had been expected to deliver in the Commons on Monday. His theme was to have been the "Northern Ireland experience", his audience a group of Russian generals. One of the issues the seminar's organisers hoped would be addressed was "retraining large numbers of officers who have been made redundant", a subject for which Mates found himself unexpectedly qualified but reluctant to hold forth on.

Yesterday, the Northern Ireland Office could give no clue as to whether Sir John Wheeler, Mates's successor, would carry out the engagement at a later date. For officials knew nothing about the seminar. It appears that for the past few weeks Mates's appointment diary was written in pencil and all the details have now been rubbed out.

A better bet

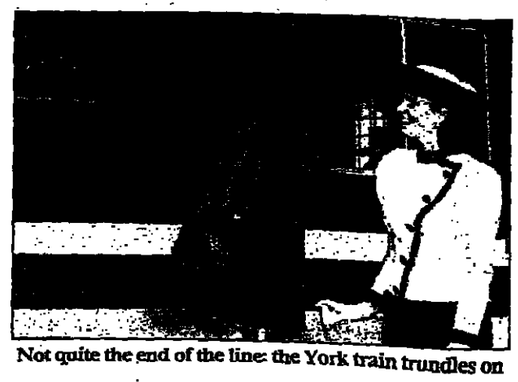
JOHN Major could have been spared his nightmare night at the opera with Sir Patrick Mayhew. As the Northern Ireland secretary was putting his foot in it, the prime minister, standing at his side, must have wished he had accepted an alternative invitation.

Major was expected to share top billing at a Commons reception with one of his heroines, Shirley Bassey. The singer was one of a number of showbiz guests at a private reception at the Commons terrace on Saturday night, hosted by Sir Fergus Montgomery, MP for Altrincham and Sale — or Broadway and West End, as he is dubbed by jealous colleagues.

Major had been expected at the reception but sent a note apologising for his absence. Bet he wishes he'd spent a little time with Bassey instead.

Runaway train

THE Duke and Duchess of York may have gone their separate ways, but British Rail has no plans to uncouple them from the InterCity 125 locomotive that bears their name. The Duke and Duchess of York nameplate was unveiled by the couple on their first visit to York after receiving their titles.



Not quite the end of the line: the York train trundles on

BR does not intend to remove the nameplate from the side of the engine. "I don't think that will happen unless we get a formal request from Buckingham Palace. After all, we have still got a train called Lady Diana."

● *The new InterCity 225 locomotive now undergoing trials on the west coast line is having a curious impact. On Monday it was in Carlisle — just as shuttle flights to London were halted. On Tuesday it was Wolverhampton — the day the city learnt its long-awaited light railway would not be going ahead. And today? It's Manchester. As Ivor Warburton, InterCity West Coast director, admits: "The people of Manchester must be trembling as they wait for the curse of the InterCity 225 Experience." There go the Olympics then.*

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CLASH OF ISSUES

Drama must not deflect the course of justice

Michael Mates yesterday gave the government ample cause to be thankful that he has deprived it of his services as a minister of the Crown. His personal statement embarrassed his former colleagues on the front benches with its relentless, not to say obsessional, pursuit of the Serious Fraud Office. His dogged determination to see his personal version of justice done proved him to be a natural and formidable backbench maverick. Mr Mates, the man who led the Tory rebels against Mrs Thatcher over the poll tax and acted as a firm campaign manager for Michael Heseltine, survived intimidation from Madam Speaker which would have reduced lesser MPs to silence. He impressed libertarians of right and left by his determination to keep talking.

The personal resignation statement has become a fecund source of drama since the day when Lord Howe's led to Margaret Thatcher's downfall. Norman Lamont's bitter words have left a time bomb that still ticks away under John Major. But Mr Mates was only a middle ranking minister. His charges were not directed against the prime minister or the government. There was no serious political consequence here.

Nor does the essential point in the Nadir affair have much to do with Mr Mates. The bail-jumping financier must be brought to justice. It must not be assumed that just because he employs numerous northern Cypriots (fewer than before) and has top Turkish friends (less loyal than before) he will never face trial. No enquiry should be held that would further prejudice an already complex case.

Mr Mates believes there was a deliberate attempt by the Serious Fraud Office to destabilise Asil Nadir's legal defence against the fraud charges. His call for an enquiry into the behaviour of the SFO alleges that its officers have been implicated in a series of "dirty tricks" which render it unfit to continue its function in its present form. If there is any such suspicion it ought not to take a time-consuming public enquiry to rectify the alleged abuses. If ministers have serious evidence of specific wrongdoing by civil servants they can answer to the charges in the House. If there is any substance to the charges ministers should conduct a swift, internal enquiry into the department concerned and deal with offenders accordingly.

There have been generalised charges against the conduct of the SFO ever since its inception five years ago at the height of the City's big bang. The new agency was soon accused of being no better than the Metropolitan Police who preceded it. The collapse of marathon, high profile "show" trials, the expense of court proceedings and the slow pace at which the agency brings cases to court have all come under fire. The SFO's defenders respond that its low conviction rate results from limited resources and argue that there is a limit beyond which cases cannot be simplified for judge and jury.

It is said that the SFO has become a latter-day Star Chamber because agency investigators have stronger powers than ordinary police. In particular, under Section 2 of the 1987 Criminal Justice Act suspects can be forced to answer questions or produce documents which, say its critics, effectively limit the traditional "right to silence" of defendants. These are the same charges levelled at state agencies investigating fraud the world over. The Securities and Exchange Commission in New York has been forced to employ anti-mafia legislation, the so-called RICO law, to convict white collar financial criminals. There is no easy answer to complex fraud cases anywhere in the world. The Royal Commision on Criminal Justice may rule next week on suggested improvements. But, if these are forthcoming, they must be based on surer foundations than the drama starring Mr Mates and the Speaker yesterday.

NAUGHT FOR THEIR COMFORT

The latest scheme for Bosnia will not get the West off the hook

From the opposite ends of the political and moral spectrum, Lord Owen and Bosnia's Serb and Croat warlords have joined in unsavoury diplomatic conspiracy to convince the world in general, and the Bosnian president Alia Izetbegovic in particular, that the fate of Bosnia-Herzegovina is all but sealed. Yesterday, the ten-member Bosnian presidency met at Sarajevo and, setting aside its deep internal divisions, agreed to draw up counter-proposals for the future of the republic. Lord Owen, who evidently believes that this is the beginning of the endgame, expects a decision on a new Bosnian "confederation" — partition in all but formal appellation — within days.

If Lord Owen is right the United Nations, where America was last night moving towards support for a draft resolution on lifting the arms embargo for Bosnia which Russia has said it will veto, could soon be requested instead to police a settlement which legitimises conquest. The UN would then presumably lift the sanctions imposed on Serbia. This would be a miserably appropriate coda to months of Western irresolution. But the West may be saved that embarrassment a while longer, since there is no evidence that the latest plan has any more connection with reality than its forerunners.

Lord Owen clings to the notion that the latest scheme, hatched in Geneva under his formal mediation by Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and his Bosnian Croat counterpart Mate Boban, is not "strictly speaking" a partition. He points with pathetic satisfaction to the latest rescripting of the constitutional and military disengagement segments of the old Vance-Owen plan. He even claims that this scheme for dividing the three communities would not "necessarily" condemn the Bosnian Muslims to a landlocked ghetto, because it provides for access corridors (dependent on Serb or Croat goodwill) from the Muslim enclaves to port facilities on the Sava river and the Adriatic.

Mr Karadzic, more brutally, announces that the Serbs and Croats are ready to set up their own states and that if the Muslims refuse to play along, Bosnia will simply be split into two, rather than three. But even Mr Karadzic concedes that, beyond a mutual interest in squeezing the Muslims, Serbs and Croats have yet to agree on how to divide the spoils of conquest. In the absence of a map, the only serious conclusion to draw is that the fog of diplomacy is again being used to shroud the brutal clarities of continuing war.

The collapse of the latest ceasefire suggests that these talks will intensify the scramble for territory. Realists would note the Bosnian presidency met at Sarajevo airport, because the seven government members who defied Mr Izetbegovic by going to the latest Geneva talks dared not enter the city itself for fear of assassination. They have now persuaded the president that the Bosnian government would lose its last vestige of international support by refusing to negotiate. Actually signing up to partition is another matter. Without a parallel initiative, beginning by imposing sanctions on Croatia, from Russia, America, France and Britain, Lord Owen's mediation cannot stop this war. These are the only powers capable of influence. Unless they are prepared to back diplomacy with an armed presence, any plan will go the way of Vance-Owen. Lord Owen's ability to bounce back defies the law of gravity, but he has, in reality, naught for Bosnia's comfort, or the West's.

IL AUTORE ESPOSTO

After the book and the cartoon comes Kipling the Opera

An opera about Rudyard Kipling's unhappy childhood, and the traumatic effect it had upon his life and works, is to receive its première at the Cheltenham Festival.

(The stage is the English literary scene over the past half century, luridly lit by spotlights from right and left, and decorated overall with polemics, prejudices, feuilletons, letters to the TLS, and ponderous works of plonking literary criticism by American academics. A chorus of publishers and accountants indistinguishable from each other in grey suits sings.)

Though the Rudyards cease from Kipling.
And the Haggards ride no more,
We shall merely keep reprinting,
For they're box-office evermore:
So our bare necessities endure.
A left-wing critic: The poet of Empire,
Imperialist sahib, fascist squire,
Mistook the Anglo-Indian Raj for heaven.
A misgiving struck him in 1897.
So he wrote "The Recessional"
But his doubts did not become obsessional.
A right-wing critic: Kipling did more
Than anyone since Disraeli to assure
The whole world that the British race
Is bulldog sound to the core
Without a hint or stain or trace
Of rust, dry-rot or moral flaw.
A judicious critic: In spite of all
The rubbish written by intellectuals,
Kipling was actually on the ball,
Neither blinkered nor ineffectual.
He walked with kings and statesmen, yet
The old hack never did forget
His common touch for the demotic
(His touch for the erotic was sclerotic)
His verses were not really grand opera;
To call them music-hall would be properer.
A publisher's hypester: All you need is sex
To sell a book, not analysis of text,
Nor new literary facts or conjectures,
Dull interpretations or lectures.
So modern readings all must say
Stalky & Co were certainly gay,
And Kipling's passion for the Law
Over the pore benighted 'eathen,
And lesser breeds without the Law
Arose from memories of childhood beating.
Kipling, for it is he, addressing his alter ego Punch from his short story, Baa Baa Black Sheep, in recitative: When young lips have drunk deep of the bitter waters of Hate, Suspicion, and Despair, all the Love in the world will not wholly take away that knowledge, though it may turn darkened eyes for a while to the light, and teach Faith where no Faith was.
Chorus of literati: What matters are the works, which have an astonishing and enduring hold on the British imagination, and are a jungle in which Sheer Khan can roar and Walt Disney can jingle. The modern craze for amateur literary psychology is neither here nor there. Anyway, no good opera plot can be that sensible, for people do not sing when they are sensible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Possible move of TV's 'News at Ten'

From Sir Geoffrey Cox

Sir, The idea of placing the main ITN news in the early evening, at 6.30 or 7pm, which the ITV companies are proposing, is not new. It was examined, and rejected, by ITV in 1966. At that time I was urging that the main news, then 15 minutes at 9pm, should be lengthened to half an hour.

Sir Robert Fraser, director-general of what was then the Independent Television Authority, had been greatly impressed by the half-hour news recently launched in the United States. There the main news programmes went out at 6.30 or 7pm. Fraser saw a comparable timing in Britain as a way of introducing a half-hour news in a form more palatable to the programme companies, who detested the idea, than would be a slot between 8 and 10pm.

As editor of ITN I was greatly tempted by this chance to get the half-hour news which ITN had long sought. But I came to the conclusion that the plan would not work. Timing which was right for the United States was wrong for Britain.

In Washington and New York most of the news of the day was already in by early evening. Because of time difference, the day's news from Europe was already to hand. Congress does not generally sit in the evening.

But in Britain the reverse is the case. News from the United States and the United Nations is barely on its way by early evening. At Westminster, Parliament has still four hours of news-making ahead of it, hours which can often hold high drama.

Moreover news put out so early in the evening throws away one of the great advantages of broadcast news, of being able to anticipate the news in the morning papers. So I held out for half an hour of news no earlier than 8pm. Six months later the ITA backed me, and *News at Ten* came into being.

It can still be kept in being if the Independent Television Commission is prepared to act, and it has one powerful weapon. On February 6, 1990, David Mellor, then minister responsible for broadcasting, told the Commons that programme commitments given by companies applying for ITV contracts would become part of the conditions of any licence awarded to such companies.

It is reported that at least seven of the present ITV companies made a commitment in their applications to keep *News at Ten*. If that is the case, the ITC has only to insist that these companies abide by the requirements of their licences, and *News at Ten* will be saved.

Yours etc,
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June 28.

From Lady Howe, Chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council

Sir, In the discussion of the possible transfer of *News at Ten* to the early evening, one particular consequence appears to have been overlooked. It is recognised that the full story of a television news item can sometimes only be told with a degree of detail inappropriate in bulletins going out before the 9pm watershed when many children are viewing.

This principle is embodied in the code of practice published by the Broadcasting Standards Council and is accepted by ITN and the BBC.

If the transfer took place, the BSC would, of course, expect the same standards of care for the young audience to be observed.

Yours faithfully,
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US raid on Baghdad 'not justified'

From Canon A. E. Harvey

Sir, The US raid on Baghdad has been officially justified on two grounds (reports, June 28). First, by an appeal to article 51 of the UN Charter, which allows the use of force in self-defence, though only "if an armed attack occurs against a Member of the United Nations" — a condition which was by no means certainly fulfilled on this occasion. Secondly, and more generally, the raid has been justified by spokesmen for the US and British governments as an act of "response" or "retaliation". These words are misleadingly imprecise.

The specific form of retaliation which fits this case is "reprisal". Belligerent reprisal may be defined as a response, by means that would otherwise be illegal, to unlawful acts of war committed by an adversary, undertaken with the sole purpose of bringing to an end the sequence of unlawful acts.

This also raises serious questions of law and morality. Although acts of retaliation are allowed for in military manuals, they have come increasingly under the censure of the international community.

In 1956 Dag Hammarskjold, UN secretary-general, reminded the Security Council that self-defence "does not permit acts of retaliation, which repeatedly have been condemned by the Security Council".

In 1964 the Security Council condemned all reprisals as "incompatible with the purposes and principles of the United Nations"; and in 1970 the General Assembly affirmed without dissent that states have a duty to "refrain from acts of reprisal involving the use of force".

When (in this case, as in the "retaliatory" raids in Somalia), the US, supported by Britain, openly flouts an international consensus that has been affirmed by the UN, the consequence can only be to set a precedent for similar unilateral military acts by other member states and to undermine the one institution which is designed to promote the peaceful settlement of international disputes, and to which, ironically, they both still appeal to authorise their actions.

Yours faithfully,
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Cyprus problem

From Professor Murray Forsyth

Sir, Lord Bethell's rhetoric (letter, June 25) does nothing to help towards an understanding or settlement of the Cyprus problem. Nor does Mr Streater's point (letter, June 29) that the Turkish Cypriots, unlike the Greeks, are not skilled at public relations.

The Turkish intervention of 1974 was not an arbitrary act of aggression, but the ineluctable consequence of the persistent and brutal attacks on the rights of Turkish Cypriots by their Greek compatriots since 1963.

Once the reality of those 11 years of persecution is acknowledged and admitted — something which many people inside and outside Cyprus are reluctant to do — then the Turkish intervention and the foundation of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus become understandable.

The intervention by Turkey — one of the three guarantor powers of the island — was conducted in 1974 with scrupulous regard to legality.

The United Kingdom, one of the other guarantors, had taken no action to defend the rights of the Turkish Cypriots, of which it had been so solicitous at the time of the island's independence. British policy towards Cyprus has been conducted chiefly with a view to maintaining our military bases there.

The Cyprus problem will not be resolved by one or other side in the dispute denouncing the other as "illegal", but only by each side recognising the right of the other to exist, and negotiating patiently on that basis. Britain should encourage this process.

Yours sincerely,
MURRAY FORSYTH,
28 Stockerston Road,
Uppingham, Leicestershire.
June 29.

Manchester's year

From District Judge Elliot Knopf

Sir, If developments in the legal world are anything to go by, 1993 must be Manchester's year.

John Rowe, who practised in Manchester for many years, is chairman of the Bar; Rodger Pannone, who assumes the Law Society presidency in July, is a Manchester solicitor; and Michael Sachs, a former Manchester solicitor, is the first High Court judge to be drawn from the ranks of that branch of the legal profession.

All this must bode well for Manchester's bid for the Olympic Games (report, June 29).

Yours faithfully,
ELLIOT KNOPF,
22 The Avenue,
Sale, Greater Manchester.

A kindness too far?

From Dr Stanley Solomons

Sir, Some animals need to be protected, but kindness can go too far. The hapless rat at the centre of the news recently (report, June 11) was, I gather, given the steroid cortisone by the RSPCA and died of pneumonia.

Among the well-known side-effects of cortisone are an increased susceptibility to infections such as pneumonia, and failure of the mechanism to combat such infections. Could the unfortunate rodent have been killed by kindness?

Not entirely unconnected is the complaint that surgeons of insufficient experience are performing keyhole operations. It is common ground that they must gain experience on something. Until recent legislation took effect, surgeons trained on anaesthetised pigs, which were then humanely killed.

Now, as they not unreasonably complain, for want of pigs they must needs do it on humans if they are to acquire the necessary skills to perform these life-saving and pain-sparing operations.

Have the lunatics taken over the asylum?

Yours sincerely,
S. SOLOMONS,
165 West Heath Road, NW3.
June 24.

Racism and diet

From Mr R. J. Fletcher

Sir, If, as Mr James McNicholas asserts (letter, June 29), children have no racial prejudices unless they are infected by their parents, or others, then how did such prejudices begin?

Yours faithfully,
R. J. FLETCHER,
24 St Alban's Avenue, Chiswick, W4.
June 29.

Centres of excellence

From Professor Keith Britton

Sir, Your leader, "Point of the scalpel" (June 24), states: "Centres of excellence are not built on particular sites but the skills of individuals and teams." Wrong. It is the interaction of the individuals and teams with their site that creates a centre of excellence.

What would Parliament be without Westminster? What do businesses, even newspapers, seek when they move? A better site. Where is the identification and examination of the sites that centres of excellence might move to? Where is the costing? Where, when the health service is striving to increase efficiency and reduce cost, are the analyses of the cost benefit and cost effectiveness of such proposed moves?

Might it not be more cost efficient to develop sites that are already good and great rather than to destroy such centres of excellence in some unsubstantiated hope that such teams and such skills are easily transferable? If buildings of the necessary quality and space were already in place for an orderly transfer then there might be grounds for that hope, but there is no evidence of the planning, let alone the finance, to make this happen. The site and the true centre of excellence go together.

In a world where the importance of the environment generally, and the environment of work particularly, are stressed to improve morale and creativity, it should be appreciated that the grandeur of the site and the spirit it engenders make and continually refresh a centre of excellence.

Yours sincerely,
KEITH BRITTON,
Department of Nuclear Medicine,
St Bartholomew's Hospital,
West Smithfield, EC1.

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Citizens' rights

From Mr P. H. Twyman

Sir, Your leader, "Selling the citizen's charter" (June 23), gave a balanced and, rightly, supportive assessment of the ideas put forward by the junior public services minister, David Davis, for implementing and explaining the citizen's charter.

I would suggest to Mr Davis and his colleagues, however, that before they refer once more to Britain's "Kafkaesque" bureaucracy (report, June 23) they should ask themselves who writes the scripts. The bureaucrats' lines, and the roles they play, are based on legislation and it is ministers and MPs who passed this legislation.

They should bear in mind that the success of both the citizen's charter initiative, and the renewed efforts in the area of deregulation, depend heavily on a new attitude on the part of our legislators.

You rightly refer to the need for Mr Davis "to inspire and allay fear in equal measure". On both counts the government record has been patchy. Unfortunately, the role of the Citizen's Charter Unit seems to be to act purely as a "postbox", passing on information but not exerting any effective influence. Mr Davis — and Lady Wilcox with her Complaints Task Force — will need to do better in future if the citizen's charter concept is not to be discredited.

They will also need to think much more about the management systems which need to be set up in the public sector to ensure that "customer care" and all the other citizen's charter concepts are built into the government's decision-taking equations just as much as rates of return and similar Treasury notions.

And they need to address the issue of change management in the public sector. It is pretty clear that some departments (both ministers and officials) have not the first idea of how to cope with a radically changing operating environment.

As your leader indicates, there *is* a "Big Idea" underlying the citizen's charter initiative but this idea has a variety of different strands. Not all of them are being tackled effectively by the government. The letter (June 28) from the Financial Secretary to the Treasury on the taxpayer's charter is a step in the right direction.

Yours etc,
PAUL TWYMAN,
Political Strategy Ltd,
11 Finsen Road, SE5.
June 28.

EC information

From Mr Michael Cullis

Sir, In his vindication of the information service of the European Commission in London (letter, June 21) Mr Peter Stewart says that its newsletter is quoted in "the United States, Australia, the Philippines, even Finland". Why "even" Finland — the one European country mentioned, and itself a candidate for membership of the Community?

Yours etc,
MICHAEL CULLIS,
County End, Bushey Heath,
Hertfordshire.

From Dr Andrew H. Robinson

Sir, Four years ago, the European Commission office in London helped establish the Signpost Europe office in the northern region of England. It was an innovative and strategic act, and has helped this region, the country and the Community to find a decentralised way of explaining EC issues facing local areas.

This is subsidiarity in action, and is especially useful in an area of high unemployment and great success in inward investment, and for which a global and European outlook and image is absolutely fundamental.

Without Commission support from London this venture, now backed by government departments and the public and private sectors, would never have succeeded.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW H. ROBINSON
(Head of office),
Signpost Europe,
Princes Building, 11 Akenside Hill,
Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Tidy graveyards

From Mr David C. Harvey

Sir, It was with some alarm and sadness that I read of Mr Reg Canning's 24 years of excellent work at Offenham, Hereford and Worcester, and his subsequent resignation as churchwarden when told that his graveyard was too tidy (report, June 22).

There are few things so visually pleasing and "English" as a tidy accessible churchyard, where not only families of those interred therein can visit their loved ones in peace, but the casual browser can find interest and history on the stones themselves.

Whilst I applaud the wildlife conservation plan in large urban cemeteries to prevent the levelling of headstones and thus losing vital information necessary to genealogists and the like, I deplore the Bishop of Oxford's movement to create wildlife havens in churchyards — most of which are situated in rural wildlife areas anyway.

I should declare a personal interest in preserving cleared and tidy churchyards where paths and headstones are accessible to both researchers and paraplegics, as I am both. I would have thought that with the current upheavals within the Church of England the good bishop had other things on his mind.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID C. HARVEY,
15 Summer Road,
East Molesey, Surrey.
June 23.

From Mrs Anne Jeacock

Sir, Perhaps Mr Canning has not heard about the man who bought an old rectory with a very large overgrown and neglected garden. After a great deal of care and effort it became a very tidy garden.

One afternoon, as he was toiling yet again, his vicar came to call. As he surveyed the garden he said: "It's amazing what you have done with God's help." The man looked at him and replied: "You should have seen it when God had it on His own."

Yours faithfully,
ANNE JEACOCK,
Keys House, Priors Marston,
Warwickshire.
June 22.

Asil Nadir and CBI

From Mr John Dunkley

Sir, You quote Lord McAlpine, writing in the *Spectator*, as saying that Mr Asil Nadir "addressed the CBI conference" (report, June 25). I have written to Lord McAlpine saying that our records show Mr Nadir never to have spoken at, or attended, the conference.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DUNKLEY
(Director of Public Affairs),
Confederation of British Industry,
Centre Point,
103 New Oxford Street, WC1.
June 28.

Money well spent?

From Mr Henry von Blumenthal

Sir, Is it not ironic that, at the very time when there has been clamour from some quarters for the monarchy which unites us to finance itself, there are now moves afoot to make the taxpayer pay for the parties which divide us?

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
HENRY von BLUMENTHAL
(Treasurer),
The Monarchist League,
London WC1N 3XX.

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COURT CIRCULAR

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE
June 29: The Queen held an Investiture at the Palace of Holyroodhouse this morning.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening were entertained at Dinner by The Royal Company of Archers at Archers' Hall, Edinburgh.

The Countess of Airlie, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm Ross were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, today attended receptions at the Palace of Holyroodhouse for young people who have achieved the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

By command of The Queen, Mr Simon Bowes Lyon (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hertfordshire) was present at Hatfield Airport, Hertfordshire, this afternoon upon the arrival of The President of the Republic of Mozambique and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 29: The Princess Royal, Patron, the British Nutrition Foundation, this morning attended the 1993 annual conference "the Scientific Achievements of McCance and Widdowson" at the Royal College of Physicians, St Andrews Place, Regent's Park, London NW1.

Her Royal Highness, President, Missions to Seamen, afterwards attended the annual service at St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4, and was received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Francis McWilliams).

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President Elect, this afternoon left Heathrow Airport, London, for Ottawa, Canada, to attend the International Council Meeting of the Chartered Institute of Transport.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 29: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Own Hussars, was present this evening at a reception given by the regiment at St James's Palace.

The Lady Angela Oswald, Sir Alastair Aird and Captain the Hon Edward Dawson-Damer were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 29: The Prince of Wales today visited Northumberland and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (the Viscount Ridley KG).

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust, this morning met a North East Business Support Group of The Prince's Trust volunteers.

The Prince of Wales afterwards visited Kielder Forest.

Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 29: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Chicken Shed Theatre Company, this afternoon attended a luncheon at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Trust for Sick Children in Wales, this evening attended the gala opening night of the Kirov Ballet performance of "Romeo and Juliet" at the London Coliseum, London WC2.

Viscountess Campden and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

June 29: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Master of the Bench, this afternoon opened a flower festival in the chapel at Lincoln's Inn, held in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund and legal charities.

The Lady Elizabeth Cavendish was in attendance.

June 29: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Medical Women's Federation, this morning opened the Medical Women's International Association, Northern European Regional Congress at the Metropole Hotel, Brighton, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).

In the afternoon, Her Royal Highness visited St Peter and St James's Hospice, Wivelsfield Green, East Sussex. Later The Duchess of Gloucester opened Adur Community Swimming Pool, Fingston Broadway, Shoreham-by-Sea and was received on arrival by Major-General Sir Philip Ward (Vice Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex).

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 29: The Duke of Kent, Patron the British Menswear Guild, this morning visited John Smedley Limited, Rands Lane, Armthorpe, Doncaster, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Yorkshire (Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Neill).

His Royal Highness, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon visited Mott MacDonald Limited, Mott MacDonald House, Saint Mary's Road, Sheffield.

The Duke of Kent, President, the Football Association, this afternoon visited the Hillsborough Community Development Trust's Memorial Garden, Holme Lane, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

His Royal Highness, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, later visited Andy Thornton Architectural Antiques Limited, Ainleys Industrial Estate, Elland, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Yorkshire (Mr John Lyles).

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, London SW19.

Mrs Fiona Henderson was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Lockerbie at 10.55: the police headquarters at Dumfries at 12.05: the regional council offices, Dumfries, at 12.45; and Broughton House, Kirkcudbright, at 3.25.

The Prince of Wales will visit the Royal Botanic Garden, Inverleith Row, Edinburgh, 12.30.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Barnardo's, will visit the Ely Family Centre, 57 Grand Avenue, Ely, Cardiff, at 11.20: will visit Seat 4 West Play Park, Ty-Coch-Road, at 12.10: as Patron of the Trust for Sick Children in Wales, will attend a luncheon at the Marriott Hotel, Mill Lane, Cardiff, at 12.45; and will open Burges House, Newport Road, at 2.20.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, will attend the lawn tennis championship meeting at Wimbledon at 12.15.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, will attend a meeting at Kensington and Chelsea Town Hall at 1.55: and, as Patron of the Samaritans, will attend a charity preview of *Sunset Boulevard* at the Adelphi Theatre at 7.55 in aid of the Samaritans and Riding for the Disabled.

Stargazers' guide to the night sky in July

By Michael J Hendrie
Astronomy Correspondent

MERCURY is at inferior conjunction on the 15th and then becomes a morning star but it remains faint and in twilight.

Venus is a -4.0 magnitude morning star passing through Taurus and into Orion and rising three hours before the Sun by the 31st.

Venus passes three degrees north of the bright star Aldebaran on the 15th and the waning crescent Moon passes two degrees north of Venus on the 16th.

Mars is 1.6 magnitude and in Leo. It begins to run into evening twilight late in the month, setting by 21h. Moon near by on the 22nd/23rd.

Jupiter is in Virgo, setting in the west soon after Mars. Moon near by on the 23rd/24th.

Saturn is in Aquarius and 0.6 magnitude, rising by 21h by the end of the month. Moon near by on the 7th/8th.

Uranus and Neptune are in Sagittarius, close together and both at opposition on the 12th. Moon near by on the 4th and again on the 31st.

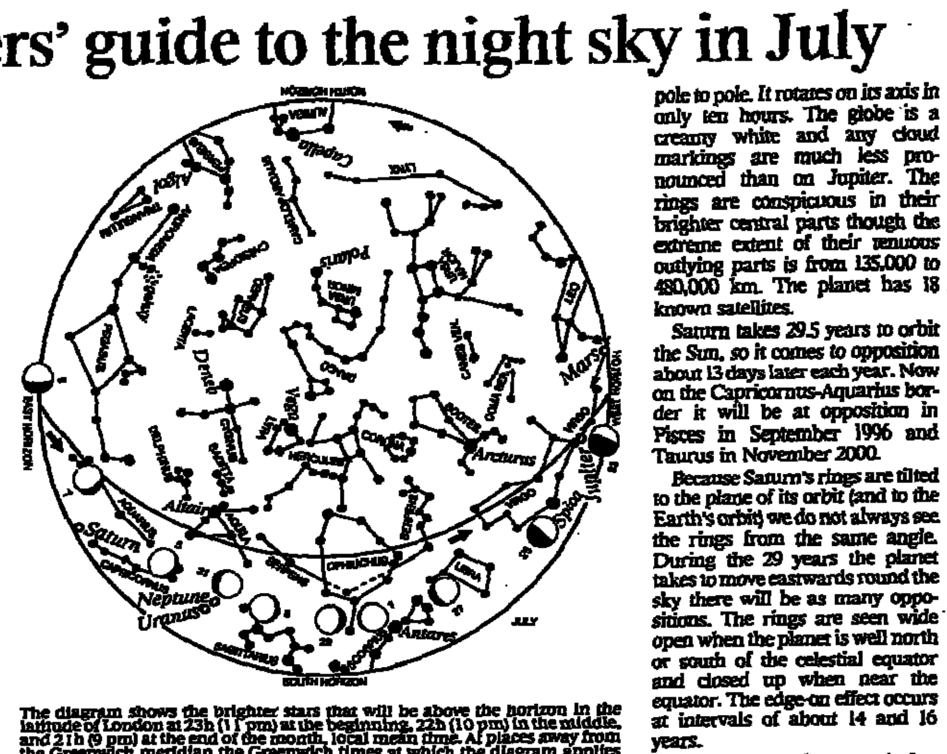
The Moon: Full Moon: 4d 00h; last quarter, 11d 23h.

New Moon, 19d 11h; first quarter, 26d 03h.

The Earth is at aphelion, its farthest from the Sun (152 million km), on the 4th.

Sunset on the 1st is at 20h 25m and on the 31st at 19h 50m while sunrise is at 03h 45m and 04h 20m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight lasts all night until the 22nd at the latitude of London and until early August in Glasgow.

This July the major planets are well spread out across the sky with five of them on the chart, though Mars will be rather low. Jupiter should still be quite easily visible and Uranus and Neptune are well-placed though require optical aid. Saturn is again on the chart and will rise by 21h late in the month. Not shown but easily seen is brilliant Venus in the dawn sky and following her over the horizon will be Mercury, but in too bright a sky to be seen with the naked eye.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

Even binoculars show the Moon as another world, no longer a flat disc but a globe with cratered plains and ranges of mountains. A mere 390,000 km away, a small telescope shows individual peaks and craters down to a few kilometres in size. The other planets (Mercury and Mars) that have solid surfaces but are not obscured by clouds as is Venus are too distant to show such fine detail even with the best telescopes on the Earth. However the broader changes on the surface and in the atmosphere of Mars are observable from Earth. Beyond Mars come Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, planets on which we see only the tops of their atmospheres or cloud cover. Pluto is a small frozen world. While Jupiter is the largest planet and shows most clearly changes in its atmosphere, the planet that leaves the greatest impression on most viewers is the ringed planet Saturn. The globe, rings and largest satellite Titan can be seen in any telescope magnifying about 20 times or more, though higher powers show it larger and in more detail. A keen eye can pick out the rings in the higher magnification binoculars if they can be held steady enough.

Saturn has a noticeably flattened globe 120,000 km across the equator but only 108,000 km from pole to pole. It rotates on its axis in only ten hours. The globe is a creamy white and any cloud markings are much less pronounced than on Jupiter. The rings are conspicuous in their brighter central parts though the extreme extent of their tenuous outlying parts is from 135,000 to 480,000 km. The planet has 18 known satellites.

Saturn takes 29.5 years to orbit the Sun, so it comes to opposition about 13 days later each year. Now on the Capricornus-Aquarius border it will be at opposition in Pisces in September 1996 and Taurus in November 2000.

Because Saturn's rings are tilted to the plane of its orbit (and to the Earth's orbit) we do not always see the rings from the same angle. During the 29 years the planet takes to move eastwards round the sky there will be as many oppositions. The rings are seen wide open when the planet is well north or south of the celestial equator and closed up when near the equator. The edge-on effect occurs at intervals of about 14 and 16 years.

At present the rings are closing and the Earth will pass through the ring-plane in 1995-6. The relative movements of the Earth and Saturn are such that usually there are three passages through the rings over a few months rather than just one. For a few days even large telescopes may show Saturn "ringless" before the very thinnest line of light reappears. The Sun also passes from one face of the rings to the other about this time. The rings, made up of icy debris in orbit about Saturn, are mostly no more than a kilometre in thickness, a fact hard to believe when seen in the telescope.

☐ *The Times month-by-month guide to the night sky in 1993 is available from bookshops at £2.99, or by post from HarperCollins Publications, Distribution Centre, PO Box, Glasgow G4 0NB. Please enclose £1.60 for post and packing.*

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W.M. Amberg and Miss S.J. Forbes
The engagement is announced between Bill, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Amberg, of Ravenstone, Buckinghamshire, and Susie, daughter of Mr Anthony Forbes, of Wakerley, Rutland, and Mrs Alexander Henderson, of Bedale, North Yorkshire.

Mr C.A.F. Armstrong-Wilson and Miss D. Butler
The engagement is announced between Charles, second son of Major and Mrs T.C.R. Armstrong-Wilson, of Canonbie, Dumfriesshire, and Diana, only daughter of Mr Nigel Butler, of Wokingham, Berkshire, and the late Mrs Joyce Butler.

Mr T.D.W. Cramp and Miss S.A. Tasker
The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of the late Mr Brian Cramp, of Brighton, East Sussex, and of Mrs Gladys Cramp, of Withington, Manchester, and Sally, eldest daughter of Mr Keith Tasker, of Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, and Mrs Angela Chisholm-Batten, of Guestling, East Sussex.

The Master of Gray and The Hon Lucy Elton
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Lord Gray and the late Lady Gray, of Taynuilt, Argyll, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Lord Elton, of London, and Anne, Lady Elton, of Sutton Bonington, Leicestershire.

Mr A.C.A. Hunt and Miss C.L. Harrington
The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr Dominic Hunt and Mrs Ann Wreyford, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Claudia, daughter of Group Captain and Mrs Michael Harrington, of Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr M.T. Laws and Miss M.C. Bristow
The engagement is announced between Mathew, son of Mr Charles Laws and the late Mrs Grania Laws, of Winford, Somerset, and Melissa, daughter of Mr James and the Hon Mrs Bristow, of Seaview, Isle of Wight.

M F.H. Monmont and Miss C.L. van der Horst
The engagement is announced between Franck, only son of M and Mme Franck Monmont, of Levallois, France, and Charlotte, only daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Rupert van der Horst, of Birtley, Hexham, Northumberland.

Mr R.H. Morgan-Williams and Miss S.M. Coombe-Tennant
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of the late Major and Mrs Idris Morgan-Williams, and Susanna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander Coombe-Tennant, of Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Mr N.J. Plater and Dr M.E. Hughes
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs F.J. Plater, of Melton, East Yorkshire, and Marianne, daughter of Mr W.E. Hughes, OBE, and Mrs O. Hughes, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr T. Reeves and Miss S. Dean
The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of Mr and Mrs John Reeves, of Cranbrook, Kent, and Sophie, second daughter of Mr Grenville Dean and of the late Mrs Bridget Dean, of Burnham Norton, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

Mr R.J. Stephens and Miss K.J. Hull
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mrs H.M. Stephens and the late Mr W.L. Stephens, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Katharine, elder daughter of His Honour Judge John Hull, QC, and Mrs Hull, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr M.J. Walker and Miss N.J. Hill
The engagement is announced between Martin John, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Walker, of Keymer, Sussex, and Nicola Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Hill, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Mr J.P.E. Walsh and Miss F.J. Davis
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Walsh, of Hillesley, Gloucestershire, and Fiona, daughter of Colonel and Mrs A.W. Davis, of Blockley, Gloucestershire.

Marriages

Commander C.D. Lean, RN, and Mrs J.A.T. Aust
The marriage has taken place between Commander Christopher D. Lean, RN, and Mrs Jacqueline Aust.

Mr G.J.H. Low and Miss A.M.S. Schott
The marriage took place in Munich on June 14, of George Low, of Rheinstr 37, 80803 Munich, to Andrea Schott, of Runkel, Germany.

Dinners

HM Government
Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at dinner at Bute House, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, on Monday, June 28, 1993, by the Right Hon Ian Lang, MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mrs Lang. Those attending the dinner were:
Lord and Lady Macfarlane of Bearsden, Sir David Nickson and Lady Nickson, Professor Donald MacKay and Mrs MacKay, Mr Magnus Magnusson and Mrs Magnusson and Mr Ian Wood and Mrs Wood.

Speaker
The Speaker held a dinner yesterday evening at Speaker's House in honour of Mme Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, President of the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies. The Ambassador of Luxembourg attended. The other guests were:
Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, Dame Janet Fookes, MP, Mrs Helen Jackson, MP, Mr Calum Macdonald, MP, Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, Mr Alan Simpson, MP, Mr Ian Hay-Campbell, the Rev Roger Holloway, Miss Margaret King, Mr Guillaume Wagener, Mr Robert Wilson and Mr Nicolas Bevan.

Service dinner

The Royal Logistic Corps
Major General D.L. Burden, CBE, Director General, Logistic Support(Army), last night was host at a Dinner Party at the HQ Officer Mess, The Princess Royal Barracks, Blackdown, in honour of Major General and Mme M. Bonte.

Major General Bonte is at present Inspector French Corps of Transport and Chairman of the French Army Logistic Committee.



Lena Horne, the singer, is 76 today

Birthdays today

Earl Alexander of Tunis, 58; Viscount Brookeborough, 41; Sir Max Brown, civil servant, 79; Mr Richard Bull, former headmaster, Rugby School, 63; Mr Ian Hay Davison, chairman, Storehouse, 62; Mr Keith Grant, former director, Design Council, 59; Colonel Sir Peter Hilton, Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, 74; Mr Walter James, former principal, St Catharine's, Windsor, 81; Sir John Langford-Holt, former MP, 77; Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Leask, 80; Mr James Loughran, conductor, 62; Sir Eric Richardson, former director, Polytechnic of Central London, 88; Mr B.L. Salmon, former chairman, J. Lyons, 76; Mr Mike Tyson, boxer, 27; Mr Tony Vickers, a director, BSkyB, 50.

Reception

Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine
The President of the Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine, Professor Paul Turner, CBE, presided at a Reception held last night at the Medical Society of London, 11 Chandos Street, London, to mark the 75th Anniversary of the foundation of the Fellowship. Among the guests were:
Dr J. Lister and Professor D.A. Shaw (Anniversary lecturers), Sir Francis and Lady Avery Jones, Sir David and Lady Innes Williams, Dame Barbara Clayton, Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, Professor P.J. Lachmann, Professor B.L. Pentecost, Professor L.A. Turnberg, Professor and Mrs O.H. Wolff, Dr J.G. Domenet, Major General N.G. Kirby, Mr D.B. Lloyd, Dr J. Maclagan, Dr A.D. Toft, Dr D.S. Wright, members of the Council of the Fellowship and their guests, Fellows of the Fellowship, members of the Editorial Board of the *Postgraduate Medical Journal*, and past and present members of the Fellowship administration.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship, held on the same day, Dr M.W.N. Nicholls was elected as President in succession to Professor P. Turner.

The London Library

The London Library 1993 autumn lecture will be at 6 for 6.30pm on Wednesday, October 27, at The Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, when Mr John Grigg will speak on "The Curious Eclipse of H.A.L. Fisher". Arrangements for the issue of admission tickets will be circulated to members during August.

Appointment

John Flynn, ambassador to Caracas, to be also ambassador (non-resident) to Dominica.

Memorial services

Lord Joicey
A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Lord Joicey was held yesterday at St Michael and All Angels, Ford, Berwick-upon-Tweed. The Rector, the Rev W.P. Hewitt, officiated, assisted by the Rev D.A. Bill. The Bishop of Newcastle led the prayers and pronounced the Blessing.

The lessons were read by his two sons, James and Andrew, and the address given by Mr William Birch-Reynardson.

The Berwick Male Voice Choir led the large congregation and sang two Anthems.

Mr Charles Stuart
A memorial service for Mr Charles Stuart was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev A.T.R. Goode officiated. Sir Colin Marshall, Chairman of British Airways, read the lesson and Mr Tom Appleton, Vice-President of Bombardier Regional Aircraft (de Havilland Canada), read from the works of John Bunyan. Sir Peter Masefield gave an address.

Mr Roy Roberts
A memorial service for Mr Roy Roberts was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated and Prebendary Michael Hooper led the prayers. Mr Timothy Roberts and Mr Michael Roberts, sons, read the lessons. Sir Trevor Holdsworth, Chairman of National Power, and Mr Peter Johnson gave addresses.

Dame Freya Stark
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Freya Stark will be held in St James's Church, Piccadilly on Tuesday, September 28, at 11.30am. All welcome.

Deputy lieutenant

Major Sir Lachlan Maclean, of Duart Castle, Craignure, Mull, has been created a deputy lieutenant for Argyll and Bute.

Anniversaries

Today is the 15th anniversary of the marriage of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent.

BIRTHS: John Gay, dramatist, Barnstaple, Devon, 1685; Sir Joseph Hooker, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew 1865-85, Halesworth, Suffolk, 1817; Sir Stanley Spencer, painter, Cookham, Berkshire, 1891; Walter Ulbricht, chairman, Council of State, German Democratic Republic 1960-73, Leipzig, 1893; Howard Hawks, film director, Goshen, Indiana, 1896.

DEATHS: Montezuma II, last Mexican Emperor 1502-20, killed, Mexico City, 1520; William Oughtred, mathematician, Albany, Sussex, 1660; Alexander Brome, poet, London, 1666; Abraham Werner, geologist, Freiberg, 1817; William Roscoe, historian, Liverpool, 1831; John William Strutt, 3rd Baron Rayleigh, physicist, Nobel laureate 1904, Witham, Essex, 1919; Margery Allingham, writer of detective stories, Colchester, 1966; Nancy Mitford, novelist and biographer, Versailles, 1973; Lillian Hellman, dramatist, Boston, Massachusetts, 1984.

The naval mutiny at the Nore was suppressed, 1797.

Tower Bridge opened, 1894.

The Nazi purge, Hitler's "night of the long knives", 1934.

School news

Arnold House School
The Governors announce the appointment of Mr Nicholas Allen, BA, PGCE, Head of Ipswich Preparatory School, as Headmaster of Arnold House School from September 1994, on the retirement of Mr Jonathan Clegg.

Legal appointments

Ms Anna Turnbull-Walker and Graham McGrath to be members of the Legal Aid Advisory Committee.

Roger Martin Scott, Peter John Cockroft and Mrs Jacqueline Davies to be Circuit Judges, assigned to the North Eastern circuit.

Cutlers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Cutlers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr P.R.W. Roberts; Senior Warden, Mr C.V.M. Latham; Junior Warden, Mr M.R. Pocock.

Knighthood

A knighthood is to be conferred on His Honour Judge John Thayne Forbes, QC, on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court.

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What then, Israel, does the Lord your God ask of you? Only this, to fear the Lord your God, to conform to all his ways, to love him, and to serve him with all your heart and soul.
Deuteronomy 10:12 (REB)

BIRTHS

BERRY - On 25th June, to Vanessa (née Evans) and James, a son, Hector William Jack.

BLAKENEY - On 23rd June 1993, to Julie (née Staunton) and Barry, a son, Arthur Louis.

CLARK - On June 26th at the Wellington Hospital, to Jonathan and Victoria, a son, Oliver, a brother for Pansy, Maisie and Adam.

HARPER - On June 29th in Christianna's Southport, to Susan (née Ibbotson) and Paul, a son, Callum Eric, a brother for Andrew.

HISLOP - On June 26th 1993, to Victoria (née Hanson) and Ian, a son, William David, a brother for Emily.

JENNINGS - On 25th June, to Kate and Piers, a son, Hugh Edward Piers, a brother for Emily.

JOAKIM - Our first son has arrived! Born on 20th June 1993 to Lotta and Justin at East Surrey Hospital.

KAYE - To Mark and Piggy on 23rd June, a son, Stuart Alexander Fairlie.

LOUSADA - To Emma (née Gasson) and Michael on 23rd June, a daughter, Charlotte Lavinia Harriet.

LOWSLEY-WILLIAMS - On 28th June, to Joanna (née Shelley) and Patrick, a son, James Edward.

MURPHY - On June 22nd, at Princess Royal, Haywards Heath, to Isobel and Keith, a daughter, Caroline Alice, a sister for Joanna and Kate.

ONSLOW - On 27th June, to Jane and Andrew, a daughter, Jane Frederica (Freddie), a sister for Louise, Matthew and Harry.

SPEAK - On June 27th, to Anne (née Harris) and Stephen, a son, Harry Frederick Paul.

TAYLOR - On 20th June, to Paul and Sarah, a daughter, Alice Harriet, a sister to George.

TOMLINSON - On 27th June, to Susannah and Steve, a daughter, Francesca Victoria Kathleen, a sister for Benjamin and Jesse.

DEATHS

ATKINSON - On June 26th 1993, Lt. Col. Reginald Gordon OBE, MC and Bar, aged 78 years of Monxton, Hampshire, late of Durham Light Infantry. Beloved husband of Rosemary and brother of Maida Whitty. Funeral Service on Saturday July 3rd at 11 am at St Mary's Church, Monxton, near Andover, where he was Churchwarden for 25 years. Family flowers only, donations to St Mary's Church Fabric Fund, c/o Halcrow & Sons Funeral Directors, 6A Bridge Street, Andover, Hants. SP10 1BH, tel: (0264) 338266.

BANTING - On June 27th at Chichester, Phyllis Margaret, widow of Canon Maurice Banting. Funeral Service on Friday July 2nd at 2 pm Holy Trinity, Balsham, near Cambridge. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Ely Cathedral Trust, c/o The Rev. M. Banting, St Cuthbert's Vicarage, 2 Lichfield Road, Copnor, Portsmouth PO3 6DE.

CAMPBELL - Renée, on June 26th in hospital after a short illness, loving mother of Jacquie, John, Duncan and Renel, former Senior Traffic Warden at Berkhamsted. Enquiries to Metcalfes, tel: (0442) 864848.

DERWAS - On June 23rd, peacefully at home in Adelaide, Australia, John aged 89. Funeral 25th June.

DOWLING - On June 27th 1993, peacefully in St Francis Nursing Home, Littlehampton, Mary aged 82 years, former Matron of Cape Hill Hospital, Coulsdon and The Norfolk House Residential Home, Worthing. Greatly respected and loved by all her family. Requiem Mass at Arundel Cathedral on Monday 5th July at 11am followed by cremation. Flowers or donations if desired for the Franciscan Convent, Littlehampton, may be sent c/o F.A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, tel: (0903) 713939.

DRYSDALE - On 26th June 1993, peacefully at East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, David Matthew, much loved husband, father and stepfather. Funeral at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Crawley, on Friday 2nd July at 11 am. Donations if desired to St Catherine's Hospice, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

EDWARDS - On 27th June 1993, Barbara Mary (née Rackham), aged 85 years. Beloved spouse of Doctor John Ffoulkes Edwards, dearly loved mother of Martin Paul and Viv. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium on Friday 2nd July at 3.15 pm. No flowers please.

GOLDSMITH - On June 27th, peacefully at Beech Hill Nursing Home, Hadley Wood, Alan, formerly of Cockfosters, much loved husband of the late Phyllis Goldsmith. Service at Manor Park Cemetery, Sebert Road, London E7, on Thursday July 8th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please if desired donations for Parkinson's Disease Association may be sent c/o J.A. Clark & Son, 103 Wood Street, Barnet.

HOWARD-HIGGINS - Bruce Arthur, suddenly after a short illness at Addenbrookes Hospital on Monday 28th June 1993. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Great Chesterford, on Friday 2nd July at 4 pm. Any donations to Save the Children Fund may be sent c/o H.J. Paintin Ltd., 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge.

LONGSTAFF - Peacefully on 28th June 1993 in Inverness, Dorothy Isobel (Charmian), in her 86th year, wife of the late Doctor Tom Longstaff of Badentarbet, Achiltibuie, Ross-shire. Funeral Service on Tuesday 6th July at 11am in St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness. Flowers to William T. Fraser and Son, Funeral Directors, Culduthel Road, Inverness.

MISKELLY - Peacefully on Monday June 28th 1993, at Hillside Hospital, Perth, Dr. Ian Miskelly, D.S.C., J.P., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., a very dearly loved husband of Lorna and father of Brian, Michael and Ian Rodney. Funeral Service at Perth Crematorium on Friday July 2nd at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research. No letters please.

PATTENSON - On 26th June, Beryl Forde (née Tommy), much loved wife of Leonard, mother of Colin, John and Carol and grandmother to Frank, Patrick, Alison, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Giles, James, Timothy, Elizabeth and Susanne. Peacefully at home. Cremation on 1st July at Peterborough Crematorium. Deeply missed by all her family and friends.

PROWSE - Peacefully on June 28th at Coleridge House Nursing Home, Dorothy Dempsey in her 97th year, widow of Charles Prowse of Thurlestone, S. Devon, much loved mother of three, grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of seven. Private cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired for the Macmillan Nurses c/o J and G Perrott, 15 Duncombe Street, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1LR and Memorial Service will be held at All Saints Church, Thurlestone, on Thursday July 15th at 2.30 pm.

SHERWIN - On Sunday June 27th 1993, suddenly and peacefully at her home in Spain, Geraldine (née Smith) aged 81. Much loved daughter of the late Nancy and Ken and sister of Penny and Sue. Cremation has taken place. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at Broughton Parish Church, Hampshire, in August. Details from Michael Woodhall (0794) 514854. Donations in her memory to British Heart Foundation.

SKEMPTON - On 29th June, Mary Nancy Skempton, ARCA, wood-engraver and bookbinder, aged 80, died at Meadbank Nursing Home, Battersea. Beloved wife of Professor Alec Skempton and mother of Judith and Katherine. Private funeral Friday July 2nd. Flowers to Larners, 117 Falcon Road, London SW11.

SOUKOP - Simone Michelle died peacefully on 27th June 1993 at St Mary's Hospital. Beloved wife of Willi and mother of Michel and Anita and grandmother of Deborah, Gillian, Anna and Erica. Service at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, on 30th June 1993 at 3 pm.

STYLES - Brian Thomas suddenly on 27th June 1993, dearly loved husband of Cynthia and father of Jonathan. Private cremation. Donations to Prof. D.G. Grahame-Smith Research Fund, Dept. Clinical Pharmacology, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

WALLACE - On June 27th, peacefully in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, Barbara Mayall (née Wood), ever loving wife of Robert, beloved mother of Iain and Alastair, a much loved sister of Eileen and grandmother of Kristian, Claire, Mark, Ruth and Simon. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Monday July 5th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Church Missionary Society or Oxfam.

WESLEY - On June 27th at King's College Hospital, Jessie, beloved wife of Andrew Godfrey of Thames Ditton, Surrey. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday July 5th at 3.30 pm and Memorial Service at All Saints Church, Weston Green, Surrey, on July 7th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 for Diabetic Research.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

CHAPMAN - To the memory of Guy Chapman, M.C., author of A Passionate Prodigality. Died June 30, 1972. La guerre, mon vieux, c'est notre jeunesse, ensevelie et secrète.

CHESTERTON - To remember with love and gratitude on her birthday, June 30th, Mrs Cecil (Ada Elizabeth) Chesterton, Founder of Cecil Houses, Residential Homes and Hostels, in London.

PUBLIC NOTICES

APOSTOLIUK nee KAROLUN, WALENTYNA APOSTOLIUK nee KAROLUN WIDOW late of 21 Shropshire Avenue, Chaddesden, Derby died at Derby on 5 July 1991
(Estate about £4,600)

BAK, IWAN BAK otherwise IVAN BAK late of 103 Buckland Court, Radford, Nottingham died there on 16 January 1991
(Estate about £9,000)

ELVEY nee KEY, IDA ELVEY nee KEY WIDOW late of 63 Vancouver Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 died at Forest Hill, SE23 on 30 December 1991
(Estate about £60,000)

JOHNSON, ELIZABETH JOHNSON SPINSTER late of 46 Roydwood Terrace, Bradford, West Yorkshire died at Keighley, West Yorkshire on 28 January 1993.
(Estate about £20,000)

MONTANO, BERTHA AMELIA MONTANO otherwise BERTHA MONTANO SPINSTER late of 68 Elford Close, Tudway Road, Kidbrooke, London SE3 died at Greenwich, London SE10 on 5 October 1992
(Estate about £7,800)

PENNY, FREDERICK JAMES PENNY late of 13, Folkestone Road, Swindon, Wiltshire died at Swindon on 15 January 1993
(Estate about £5,000)

PLATT, DENNIS ALFRED PLATT otherwise DENIS ALBERT PLATT otherwise DENIS PLATT late of 6 Rolls Park Avenue, Chingford, London E4 died at Hackney, London E8 on 6 July 1992
(Estate about £49,000)

PRICE, RAYMOND JOHN PRICE late of 29 Bridge Road, Park Gate, Hampshire died at Bridport, Dorset on or about 13 April 1992
(Estate about £56,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

SHENSTONE, nee TROTTER, QUEENIE SHENSTONE nee TROTTER late of 26 Forest Grove, Hackney, London E8 died at Hackney E8 on 23 March 1992
(Estate about £40,000)

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OBITUARIES

PAMELA CUNNINGTON

Pamela Cunnington, an expert in the preservation of historical buildings, has died aged 67. She was born in Coggeshall, Essex, on January 13, 1926.



Pamela Cunnington, right, with the first postwar scholars of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings at Wingfield Castle, Suffolk

PAMELA CUNNINGTON was an architect who held advanced views on the preservation of historical buildings for her time: "We have come a long way from those Saxon invaders who cared so little for Roman buildings and from medieval builders who so confidently destroyed older work, believing they were creating something finer." While she conceded that some might say the pendulum had swung too far in the opposite direction and that a preoccupation with the past showed a certain lack of confidence in new architectural ideas, she herself saw it differently. "I prefer to think that perhaps we have become humbler and less arrogant, more ready to appreciate the work of our predecessors."

Pamela Mary Cunnington was the only child of a customs officer, born into a family with a strong tradition of teaching. Architecture — particularly old churches — was a passion from her youth. She was introduced to it by her grandfather who, though not an architect, would probably have described himself as an ecclesiologist.

During the war she was evacuated to Devon and Gloucestershire, finishing her school education at Cirencester Grammar School.

She started her architectural training immediately in 1942 at the Brixton School of Building and in 1945 passed the RIBA intermediate examination. She then took evening classes at Regent Street Polytechnic until 1949 when she passed the RIBA final examination with distinction on the strength of her thesis "The Development of Modern English Church Designs". In 1950 she was elected an associate of the RIBA.

She then worked for two architectural practices in London during which time she gained experience both in the preparation of working drawings and inspection of work in progress.

She first came to the notice of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) in 1950 when she applied for the first scholarship being offered by the society to young architects after the war. the scholarship had been founded in 1930 in memory of Professor W. R. Sethaby but was suspended during the war.

In an effort to make good the missing years, five scholars were appointed and Cunnington, at the age of 25, was one of the successful candidates. On completion of the scholarship, Cunnington went to work for John Macgregor whose practice at that time was next door to the society's office in Great Ormond Street. The apprenticeship was apt for Cunnington — Macgregor was an outstanding architect on the repair of old buildings and chairman of the society's technical panel — and served her well for the time when she set up in private practice around 1960. In the late 1950s she was invited to serve on the SPAB Committee and continued in this capacity until 1966.

Among the prestigious buildings on which Cunnington worked was the fine 14th-15th century building known as Hampton Court in Nelson Street, King's Lynn. During the scholarship, Cunnington had surveyed this property (in the depth of winter) which had become little better than a slum. So it was no coincidence that she was later invited by the King's Lynn Preservation Trust to carry out the work of repair and rehabilitation.

In 1962 Cunnington was asked to oversee the repair of another important building which had been given to the King's Lynn Preservation Trust. This was Thoresby College in Queen Street, an early 16th-century quadrangular building which once housed the chaplains of the Guild of the Holy Trinity and which contained a magnificent medieval hall. As the architect, Cunnington brought back this outstanding building to continue a useful life. Some of the building is now divided into flats for old people and part is used by the Youth Hostels Association and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Cunnington made many reports on threatened buildings on behalf of the society, and undertook an amount of private work in Kent and other parts of the country. In particular, the Old Vicarage at Methwold, Norfolk, and Cruck House in Steventon, Oxfordshire, both threatened and in considerable disrepair were transformed to the highest possible standards.

In the early 1970s Cunnington moved from London to Dorchester, having applied for an advertised post in the Dorset County Council. Here, in her modest way, she made an impact on the town and was quickly immersed in the affairs of Dorchester.

Before Cunnington arrived in Dorchester she had begun work on *How Old Is Your House?*, which was published in 1980. Other books followed — *Care for Old Houses* (1984), *Change of Use* (1988) and *How Old is That Church?* (1990), all of which attracted a wide reading public.

Among her many activities, Cunnington was a member of the Redundant Churches Committee. She served on the County Museum Council and the Dorset Council for the Preservation of Rural England. She also worked for the Historic Buildings Council in connection with church grants and was concerned with the Dorset Watermill Survey and in addition the re-listing of Dorset Buildings. She advised the National Trust on their cottages at Kingston Lacey.

In addition to her more official activities she was for a time chairman of the Holiday Fellowship, renamed the Historical Society. She was also much in demand as a lecturer for the Workers' Educational Association and Bristol University's Department of Continuing Education.

Cunnington wore her learning lightly and her contribution to the conservation of historic buildings may not yet be fully appreciated.

She never married.

NORTON SIMON



Norton Winfred Simon, self-made American industrialist and art collector, died of respiratory failure on June 2 aged 86. He was born in Portland, Oregon, on February 5, 1907.

AFTER transforming a bankrupt orange-juice bottling plant into a billion-dollar conglomerate, Norton Simon put together one of the greatest private art collections in the United States.

Perennial dissatisfaction with his own achievements may have been the key to his success. A brooding, driven man, who had the ability to multiply long figures in his head despite a vestigial education, he was forever moving on to the next deal, the next company acquisition. And so, when he had finally put together his vast empire, which included the McCall Corporation and the Canada Dry Corporation, he abruptly resigned from Norton Simon Inc in 1969 and concentrated instead on art collecting.

"One of the problems in American business management," he said at the time, "is the older group trying to hold on too long. The company is in good shape. I really have a sense of trust in the management and the board."

The real reason may have been slightly different. Simon said later: "When it got to the point that the business was more operations than creating, it was less intriguing to me."

The son of a department store owner, Simon dropped out of the University of California at Berkeley after only a few weeks and went into the sheet metal business in Los Angeles.

His first acquisition, in 1931, was an orange juice company in Fullerton, California, which he bought from the bankruptcy court for $7,000. It was to prove the foundation of his fortune. Simon converted the plant into canning tomato products, kept his prices low, and finally sold the company for $3 million in the 1940s to the Hunt Brothers Packing Company.

Typically, he then bought shares in Hunt, and by 1944 had taken over the company that bought him out. Renamed Hunt Food and Industries, it became the cornerstone of a conglomerate that eventually produced a vast assortment of products ranging from matches to magazines to ketchup.

Simon began his art collection in 1954, when he went shopping for pictures to put on the walls of his new house in Los Angeles. "I bought a Gauguin, a Bonnard and a Pissarro," he said later, "and I was hooked."

So hooked, in fact, that his collection came to comprise thousands of objects worth many hundreds of millions. To house it, Simon bought the former Pasadena Art Museum and renovated it at a reported cost of more than $3 million.

The collection was not without controversy. In the early 1970s Simon paid more than $1 million for the Shivapuram Nataraja, a 44-inch bronze idol dating from the 10th century. But the Indian government claimed that the piece had been stolen and smuggled out of India, leading to a protracted dispute which ended when Simon promised to return it after ten years.

"Yes, it was smuggled," he admitted in a 1973 interview. "I spent between $15 million and $16 million over the past two years on Asian art, and most of it was smuggled. I don't know whether it was stolen."

The incident was typical of Simon's tough pragmatism, and of his philosophy. "I believe in a paradoxical way of life," he once told an interviewer. "I don't believe anything is wholly right, but both right and wrong. There is a thin line between. There is a Chinese proverb that says 'Life is a search for truth, and there is no truth.' "

In 1965 Simon was involved in an incident at a London art auction, when he accused the auctioneer of ignoring his bid for Rembrandt's portrait of his son Titus, and knocking it down to a London dealer. After considerable argument the bidding was resumed, and Simon got the picture for $2.2 million.

Simon and his first wife, Lucille, were divorced in 1970 after 37 years of marriage, and the following year he married the film star Jennifer Jones on a yacht off the British coast.

For the last decade of his life Simon was an invalid, paralysed by the Guillain-Barre syndrome, but he retained his mental faculties and a passionate interest in the affairs of his museum.

He is survived by his second wife, and one son.

SHAWISH TAHA IDRIS, GC

Shawish Taha Idris, GC, the oldest surviving holder of the George Cross, died in Omdurman, Sudan, on May 31 aged 93. He was born at Omdurman on January 1, 1900.

SERGEANT Taha Idris was serving in the Blue Nile Province Police when, in September 1933, he won the Empire Gallantry Medal (translated to George Cross in 1941) for disarming a policeman who had run amok with a loaded rifle. The native police non-commissioned officer was in charge of a police guard when he suddenly went beserk and, charging his rifle with nine rounds of ammunition, began to threaten all around him. As the rest of the guard did not know how to calm their colleague, Taha Idris, the senior police sergeant in the vicinity, was sent for.

As he approached the scene Taha Idris could see that there was no possibility of surprising the distraught man, or even of getting close to him without being seen. With the utmost coolness he approached the policeman who levelled his rifle at him. When Taha Idris was within a few paces the policeman pulled the trigger but mercifully the cartridge did not detonate. Taha Idris immediately closed with him amd disarmed him before he could attempt another shot. His EGM was gazetted on March 2, 1934.

Taha Idris was very proud of his award and continued to attend reunions of the VC and GC Association in London until 1971 when age and infirmity made it difficult for him to travel. Since then he had been invited annually, on the Queen's birthday, to the British Embassy in Khartoum, where he was much admired for his proud bearing and his loyalty to the royal family.

Nemesio Antunez

NEMESIO ANTUNEZ, one of Chile's most prominent modern painters and former director of the National Fine Arts Museum in Santiago, has died aged 75.

Atunez graduated from Columbia University in New York where he studied architecture. In 1957, he was awarded the top prize in the Sao Paulo Biennial Arts Show.

AL FAIRWEATHER

Al Fairweather, jazz trumpeter, arranger, and composer, died in Edinburgh on June 21 aged 66. He was born in the city on June 12, 1927.



Fairweather, left, with Sandy Brown

WHEN the novelty of traditional jazz started to wear off in Britain in the mid-1950s, following its postwar revival, and its practitioners began broadening their style, Al Fairweather was responsible — together with Sandy Brown, a fellow Scot — for some of the most original mainstream jazz produced on this side of the Atlantic. Both musicians had been among a healthy stream of jazzmen to emerge from Edinburgh — a spawning ground that also produced trumpeter Alex Welsh, clarinettist Archie Semple, pianist/drummer Stan Greig and several other stalwarts of the British jazz scene.

Fairweather played a forceful, Armstrong and Eldridge-influenced, trumpet to which Sandy Brown's lugubrious clarinet provided an excellent foil.

For twelve years from 1954, the Fairweather-Brown All Stars were one of the most respected groups on the jazz circuit, featuring, in addition to themselves, such distinctive musicians as Tony Coe on tenor, Brian Lemon on piano and Stan Greig on piano and drums.

Fairweather had studied at the Edinburgh Art College. He moved to London in 1952 and spent a year playing in the Cy Laurie band, one of the most popular traditional jazz groups of the period, before developing his partnership with Sandy Brown. Together they widened their musical horizons beyond the standard dixieland jazz tunes absorbing the influences, particularly, of African and West Indian music. Fairweather was responsible for writing the material for their first LP, *Sandy's Sidemen*, and shared the honours with Brown for the material on their next, and perhaps most notable album, *McJazz*. This was followed by two other creative albums *Dr McJazz* and *The Incredible McJazz*.

By the mid-1960s, Sandy Brown was spending more time pursuing his other career as an acoustic architect and the musical partnership ran down. Fairweather joined the Acker Bilk band and remained with it for two years before the grind of one-night-stands became too much for him.

In 1968 he returned to his art-world roots, taking a teacher-training course and then teaching art in Harrow. He continued to play on a semi-professional basis, working with and arranging for Stan Greig's London Jazz Big Band. After suffering a serious heart attack in 1983 he returned to Edinburgh but recovered well enough to resume playing. He also collaborated with Ralph Laing on a musical version of Kingsley Amis's novel *Lucky Jim*.

RABBI DOVID LIFSHITZ

Rabbi Dovid Lifshitz, professor of Talmud for 49 years at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Issac Elchanan Theological Seminary, New York, died on June 28 aged 86.

DOVID LIFSHITZ, who escaped Nazi persecution in 1939, was chief rabbi of the then Polish city of Suvalk. Considered an exceptional Torah scholar, he emigrated to the United States in 1941 after serving as spiritual leader of Jews in the Polish army.

As a child he had displayed a mastery of Talmud at an early age, and co-edited a volume of commentary on the Bible when he was 12 years old. In 1933, he married Tzpora Joselovitz, the daughter of Rabbi Joseph Joselovitz of Suvalk. After the death of his father-in-law two years later, Lifshitz took over as rabbi of Suvalk and established a yeshiva for advanced students.

At his death, Lifshitz was president of the Suvalki Benevolent Society in the United States. He also served as president of Ezras Torah, the International Torah Relief Organisation and on the presidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

Before coming to the Rabbi Issac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1944, Lifshitz served as a professor of Talmud at the Hebrew Theological College in Chicago for two years.

Tahirou Congakou

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The trial of Sir Roger Casement for high treason ended yesterday in his conviction, and he was sentenced to death. Brilliantly defended though he had been, it is hardly conceivable that he could have hoped for any other result.

In the minds of the public conviction was a foregone conclusion; there was no uncertainty, no speculation how the scales of justice might turn, and there was equally no doubt about the sentence. All that was left, therefore, to excite the emotions and the curiosity of an audience which was yesterday still more largely composed of women was an eager contemplation of the prisoner's demeanour. In such an environment the public—one might properly here describe them as the spectators—were, perhaps, a little impatient of the Attorney-General's speech for the Crown; and, knowing what the end must be, they left the considerations of Lord Reading's elaborate review of the evidence to the jury and to the lawyers who had assembled to hear it. The effect of the verdict, and of the verdict alone, was watched for with interest, and when the verdict was given all eyes were centred upon the prisoner.

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Casement was hanged at Pentonville Jail on August 3. Any hopes of a reprieve foundered after the circulation (with government complicity) of his diaries revealing him to be a homosexual. In 1965 his body was removed to Dublin where he was given a state funeral.

His conduct throughout the trial gave no reason to suppose that it would vary in an awful moment. Nor did it. While the jury were deliberating he had been visited outside the Court by Mr. Doyle, his American lawyer, and when he was brought again into the dock he looked around the Court with a smile and comported himself with the same urbanity of manner. He held out his hand in gratitude to his solicitor, who was standing near, and nodded a greeting to some friends in the well of the Court.

Casement, like those present, had anticipated the result. He appeared to be quite unaffected by the announcement that the jury had found him guilty, and when the three Judges had had black caps placed over their wigs by their clerks he was either so indifferent to his fate or so competent an actor that he was able to assume an expression of amusement. When he was asked if he had anything to say why he should not die, he leant across the dock rail and read a statement, which, though mainly concerned with abstract doctrines, was listened to with great attention. He challenged the jurisdiction of an English Court to try an Irishman, and he referred with considerable grace of diction to those political ideals which had already received a place in the oratory of his counsel. In all, he seemed to seek for remembrance among that band of dreamers and patriot threnodists who have figured so conspicuously in the recent misfortunes of Ireland.

Nervous and overwrought at first, he gained confidence and self-possession as he proceeded, and the impression was irresistible that as he disappeared from sight under sentence of death he was still untouched by contrition and was less harrowed by emotion than those who had gazed upon him had been moved by the scene in which they had played a part.

THE TIMES TODAY WEDNESDAY JUNE 30 1993

NEWS

Mates attacks fraud office

■ Michael Mates, interrupted by the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, nine times yesterday during his personal statement to the House of Commons on his resignation, accused the Serious Fraud Office of exerting improper pressure on a judge in the Asil Nadir case.

Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, responding to Mr Mates's call for an independent enquiry into the office's role, said there was no need for it ..... Pages 1, 2, 3, 18, 19

Muslim arms ban rift looms

President Clinton has decided to join a group of Islamic and non-aligned states to back a UN resolution which seeks an end to the arms embargo on Bosnian Muslims. His move threatens to open up a new dispute on the issue with Britain, France and Russia ..... Pages 1, 13

Jungfrau tragedy

Andy Pascall, 23, was recovering from serious injuries in hospital at Interlaken last night after surviving a 1,000-ft fall from the summit of the Jungfrau which killed his best friend Andrew Hindley, also 23 ..... Page 1

Peer charged

The Marquess of Bristol, accused of supplying hard drugs, kept cocaine and heroin in the false bottom of a tin and could not go more than two hours without a fix, a court heard ..... Page 5

£50,000 fraud

A German businessman who paid £50,000 on the black market for tickets purportedly for 35 prime Wimbledon seats was the victim of the largest fraud yet uncovered by the All England tennis club ..... Page 5

Summit snags

Preparations for the meeting of Group of Seven industrialised nations next week have run into difficulty, particularly over trade and aid to Russia ..... Page 15

Vigilante help

Stanley Kalms, the chairman of the Dixon Group, said businesses were being forced to adopt vigilante-style tactics to combat a £2.5 billion annual wave of high street crime because police forces had proved inadequate to the task ..... Page 10

Nuclear jobs lost

Bureaucratic delays concerning the thermal oxide reprocessing plant at Sellafield in Cumbria have been blamed by British Nuclear Fuels for the loss of 1,700 contract jobs ..... Page 7

Risky choices

Doctors defied their leaders at the British Medical Association's annual conference yesterday and decided that couples should not be allowed to choose the sex of children because of the risk of personal and social harm ..... Page 7

'Ripper' confessions

New York police have arrested Joel Rifkin, 34, who they say has confessed to the killing of 17 prostitutes over the past three years, in a case which echoes that of the "Yorkshire Ripper" ..... Page 15

Gould attack

Bryan Gould is preparing to attack the Labour party at the weekend when he launches a new group, the Full Employment Forum, to draw up an alternative economic strategy for the party ..... Page 12

Thames vision

Britain's first urban national park may be created on the Thames if an imaginative London Rivers Association plan is adopted ..... Page 9

Courts battle

More than 15,000 magistrates, who believe that government proposals for court reorganisation seriously threaten judicial independence, have joined a campaign to protest against the plans ..... Page 11

Missiles leave Baghdad in jitters

■ The 16 US Navy Tomahawk missiles which pulverised the Baghdad headquarters of Iraq's intelligence service left the compound in cratered ruins, according to local witnesses who have snatched glances at the heavily guarded establishment in a city so nervous that anti-aircraft batteries occasionally open up on their own jets ..... Page 14



Looking back: Sergeant Peter Lamb, left, and PC Michael Pearce, wear 19th-century uniforms as part of the centenary celebrations of the unveiling of Eros in honour of the seventh Earl of Shaftesbury, a prominent philanthropist. Page 9

BUSINESS

BT3 blues: Only 2.7 million people actually applied for information on BT3, the latest privatisation issue ..... Page 23, Tempus page 26

TV swoop: Granada, the television, leisure and business services group, snapped up a near-15 per cent stake in London Weekend Television, paying a significant premium and sending other ITV shares higher ..... Page 23

Markets: A strong pound was once again the outstanding feature on the foreign exchange, making further advances against leading currencies. It closed at $1.5097, a rise of 1.52 cents, and at DM2.5487, up .83 pfennigs. The FT-SE 100 closed at 2,886.0, down 11.0 ..... Page 26

SPORT

Tennis: Victories yesterday at Wimbledon by Steffi Graf, the champion, and Martina Navratilova put them through to the semi-finals to meet respectively Conchita Martinez and Jana Novotna ..... Pages 39, 44

Rugby union: The British Lions, fresh from their win over New Zealand at the weekend, suffered a humiliating 38-10 defeat by Waikato in Hamilton ..... Page 40

Cricket: England's cricketers may think they are suffering at the hands of Australia's batsman today, but John Parker recalls the summer when Bradman's team scored 721 runs in a day against Essex ..... Page 42

FEATURES

Soviet mission: "Each young man had been specifically warned of the danger of arrest and interrogation and had volunteered to go ahead in full awareness of the risks." Brian Crozier in the third extract from his book, *Free Agent* ..... Page 16

Snappy picture: "The stress on an author's appearance is in danger of overshadowing the literary merit. The larger the picture, quite often the worse the book." Rachel Kelly on dust covers ..... Page 17

Sitting tight: Reports of the death of the country house, because of losses at Lloyd's, have been much exaggerated ..... Page 35

ARTS

Singing Kipling: Michael Berkeley's *Baa Baa Black Sheep*, premiered this weekend at the Cheltenham Festival, delves into the childhood traumas of Rudyard Kipling ..... Page 31

Why the fifth dimension? Derwent May reviews the philosophy and content of Radio 5, Britain's least understood network ..... Page 31

Sequinned elegy: New in the West End, *Elegies for Angels, Punks and Raging Queens* is a sugary tribute to Aids victims ..... Page 32

Smashing show: A new show at the Serpentine Gallery pays tribute to Gordon Matta-Clark, the artist who specialised in blowing up buildings ..... Page 33



Jamie Delgado, 16, considered Britain's best tennis prospect, reached the third round of the boys' singles at Wimbledon yesterday Page 38



Grace Brindle, who said her sons would never hurt a fly, is a mother who has had to come to terms with the brutality of life in gangland London Page 10



Robert Key, the roads minister, announced yesterday that the maximum prison term for drink drivers who kill will soon be doubled to ten years Page 11

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Ecstasy of natural childbirth

■ "Many women say that the moment of birth was like the greatest orgasm they have ever experienced." Mary Ann Sieghart on natural childbirth

Summer tales of intrigue

■ Summer fiction, from the political intrigue of Jeffrey Archer to the melancholy of Anita Brookner, is reviewed on the books pages

Delightful De Niro

■ "Mainstream American cinema at its most bewitching": Geoff Brown applauds the new Robert De Niro film, *Mad Dog and Glory*

A harrowing drama-documentary by the poet Tony Harrison explores the effect of Alzheimer's disease on the lives of three elderly female patients in a West Yorkshire hospital. *Black Daisies for the Bride* (BBC2, 9pm) ..... Page 43

Mates and the Speaker

Michael Mates yesterday gave the government ample cause to be thankful that he has deprived it of his services as a minister .. Page 19

Unreal diplomacy

Lord Owen's ability to bounce back defies the law of gravity. But he has, in reality, naught for Bosnia's comfort, or the West's ..... Page 19

Jungle Book opera

He walked with kings and statesmen, yet the old hack never did forget his common touch for the demotic. (His touch for the erotic was sclerotic.) ..... Page 19

SIMON JENKINS

For Cold War summits now read Tomahawk missiles. American presidents used to gain stature by talking tough to stone-faced evil emperors. Now there is no evil empire, only tinpot dictators. There is no stature in talking to them, so they are bombed instead. President Clinton's weekend attack on the al-Mansour suburb of Baghdad was blatantly illegal and immoral. The only question is, was it sensible? ..... Page 18

WOODROW WYATT

We should have a sense of proportion about the funding of political parties. The suggestion that they should receive from the taxpayer what they need to pursue their propaganda would, if enacted, give rise to more chicanery than there is at present ..... Page 18

Sir Geoffrey Cox, former editor of ITN, says the case for moving forward the timing of *News at Ten* has been made, and rejected, before ..... Page 19

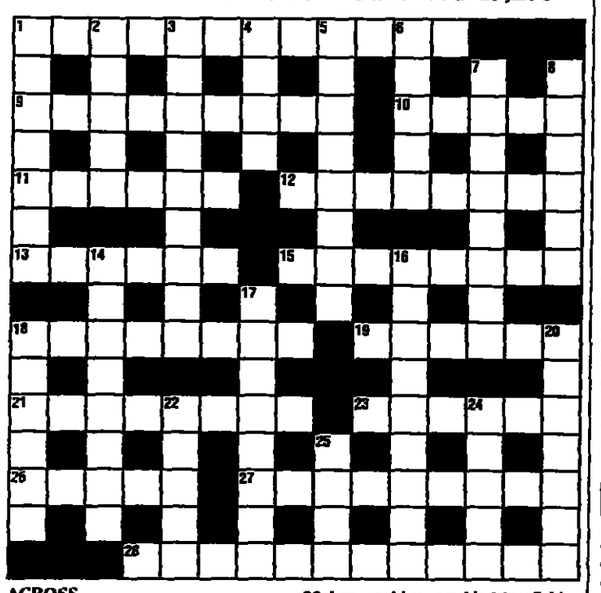
Jacques Attali squandered a few measly million dollars on a marble lobby and the whole world came down on his head

Wall Street Journal

The governor of Hong Kong may have to introduce his democracy plans without Chinese agreement. So be it: Chris Patten deserves full cabinet support

Evening Standard

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,270



ACROSS

1 These army jumpers ride up! (12).
9 For underground exploration, take river bearing in Scotland (3-6).
10 Dressing applied to George's head in a flash (5).
11 Woolly article in past (6).
12 What can happen in a New York night out? (8).
13 Fun for students to label a scruffy person (3-3).
15 Valiant after dark, say (8).
18 Ten amply stirred for companion (8).
19 Put off retirement and settle in a more northerly place (4,2).
21 The prices it gives, of course, are for the second annex (4-4).
23 Key fastener of wire (6).
26 Name formerly used for the present occasion (5).
27 Wild attendants freed Byron's cat (9).
28 Long, golden vessel in Masefield's office? (12).

DOWN

1 University in capital dock-area that is approved (7).
2 Cane the palm? (5)
3 Where to see beginning and end of the rainbow? (5-4).
4 Heartless Humpty-Dumptyish poet (4).
5 Composer, violinist and heathen in one (8).
6 Becoming fit (5).
7 Small cars go with lots of revs (8).
8 Camp for a period in filthy place (6).
14 Looking only briefly, girl's first to go over boys' school (8).
16 Take a fare that's within reach (3-2-4).
17 The saloon may be battered but the wares are given endless care (5-3).
18 Kind of medicine for person under treatment losing heart? (6).
20 Jam being served for the exercise (5-2).
22 Greek character, the first in Tartarus suffering heat (5).
24 Drink made him a wife-beater (5).
25 Aggressor can catch the sea-whale (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,269

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C'phagn	19	66	s	Riyadh	43	109	s
Corfu	25	77	f	Rome	25	77	f
Dublin	23	73	f	Salzburg	21	70	s
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	S Fr'isco*	18	64	s
Faro	24	75	s	Santiago*	15	59	f
Florence	29	84	f	S Paulo*	24	75	s
Frankfurt	23	73	s	Seoul	21	70	f
Funchal	22	72	s	Sing'por	27	81	f
Geneva	22	72	s	St'holm	16	64	f
Gibraltar	27	77	s	Strasb'rg	24	75	s
Helsinki	15	59	f	Sydney	14	57	f
Hong K	29	84	c	Tangier	23	73	f
Innsbruck	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Istanbul	25	77	s	Tenerife	21	70	s
Jeddah	38	100	s	Tokyo	22	72	r
Jo'burg*	16	61	f	Toronto*	22	72	c
Karachi	34	93	s	Tunis	37	99	f
L Palmas	23	73	f	Valencia	32	90	s
Le Touq't	22	72	s	Van'ver*	15	59	c
Lisbon	24	75	f	Venice	23	73	f
Locarno	19	66	c	Vienna	20	68	f
L Angels*	21	70	s	Warsaw	13	55	f
Luxembg	23	73	s	Wash'ton*	34	93	s
Luxor	40	104	s	Wel'ton	8	46	c
Madrid	25	77	f	Zurich	20	68	f

* denotes figures are latest available

Scotland medium; N Ireland medium/high; Wales high; South West high; North medium/high; East Anglia medium/high; Midlands very high; South East medium/high; London medium/high.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 23C (73F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 15.3hr.

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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	13.1	-	21	70	sunny
Aviemore	4.2	-	25	77	bright
Belfast	9.8	-	22	72	sunny
Birmingham	15.9	-	24	75	sunny
Bournemouth	13.7	-	21	70	sunny
Bristol	14.8	-	25	77	sunny
Buxton	14.9	-	22	72	sunny
Cardiff	14.7	-	24	75	sunny
Clacton	11.7	-	17	63	sunny
Colwyn Bay	13.5	-	27	81	sunny
Cromer	15.5	-	18	64	sunny
Eastbourne	12.9	-	18	64	sunny
Edinburgh	11.5	-	19	66	sunny
Enniskillen	12.6	-	24	75	sunny
Falmouth	9.0	-	20	68	bright
Folkestone	15.1	-	17	63	sunny
Glasgow	8.3	-	24	75	bright
Guernsey	11.2	-	21	70	sunny
Isle of Man	6.7	-	20	68	bright
Kinloss	5.2	-	20	68	bright
Leeds	15.6	-	24	75	sunny
Lerwick	0.6	-	12	54	cloudy
Littlehampton	11.1	-	19	66	sunny
Liverpool	15.1	-	24	75	sunny
London	15.3	-	21	70	sunny
Manchester	15.7	-	24	75	sunny
Minehead	10.1	-	24	75	sunny
Morecambe	9.8	-	26	79	sunny
Nottingham	15.7	-	22	72	sunny
Penzance	9.7	-	20	68	bright
Salcombe	8.9	-	18	64	sunny
Sandown	8.9	-	19	66	sunny
Saunton Snd	10.5	-	26	79	sunny
Scarborough	15.2	-	16	61	sunny
Shanklin	8.6	-	18	64	sunny
Stornoway	2.7	-	19	66	cloudy
Swanage	11.0	-	17	63	sunny
Tenby	7.9	-	20	68	bright
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Torquay	9.6	-	20	68	mist
Wick	5.4	-	14	57	bright

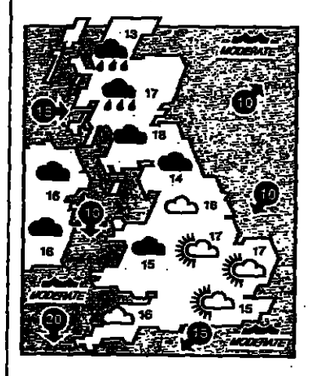
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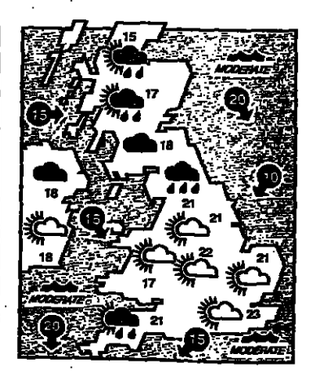
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Bristol 10.01 pm to 4.27 am
Edinburgh 10.32 pm to 4.01 am
Manchester 10.11 pm to 4.14 am
Penzance 10.08 pm to 4.46 am

Sun rises: 4.47 am
Sun sets: 9.21 pm
Moon sets 6.04 pm
Moon rises 1.45 am
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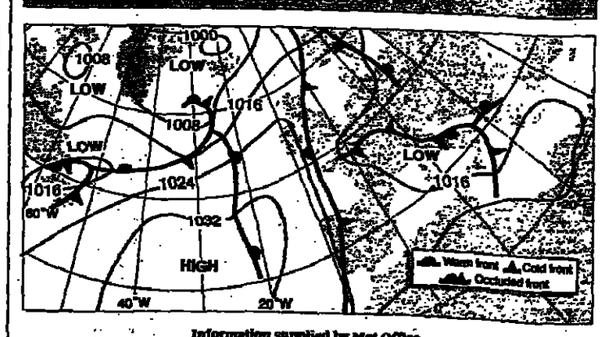
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B'rmgham	21	70	s	Inverness	20	68	f
Blackpool	20	68	s	Jersey	21	70	s
Bristol	21	70	s	London	21	70	s
Cardiff	21	70	f	M'chester	20	68	s
Edinburgh	20	68	f	Newcastle	21	70	c
Glasgow	21	70	f	R'caldway	16	61	s





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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.20	6.5	11.48	6.4	Liverpool	8.40	8.2	9.16	8.3
Aberdeen	11.00	2.7	11.35	3.7	Lowestoft	7.01	2.2	7.09	2.3
Avonmouth	4.18	11.1	4.57	11.1	Margate	9.23	4.3	9.43	4.3
Belfast	8.28	3.2	8.11	3.1	Milford Haven	3.26	5.8	4.05	5.9
Cardiff	4.03	10.3	4.42	10.4	Newquay	2.25	5.9	3.02	6.0
Devonport	2.51	4.7	3.29	4.7	Oban	3.25	3.2	4.10	3.3
Dover	9.30	5.7	8.57	5.9	Penzance	2.04	4.7	2.39	4.7
Falmouth	2.21	4.5	2.59	4.5	Portland	3.30	1.6	4.34	1.7
Glasgow	9.52	4.3	10.38	4.2	Portsmouth	8.43	4.1	9.17	4.4
Harwich	9.12	3.5	9.40	3.6	Shoreham	8.38	5.2	9.10	5.5
Holyhead	7.52	4.9	8.30	4.9	Southampton	8.32	4.0	8.58	4.2
Hull	3.37	6.5	4.00	6.6	Swansea	3.35	7.9	4.03	8.0
Ilfracombe	3.06	7.7	3.46	7.8	Tees	12.56	4.7	1.22	4.8
King's Lynn	3.50	5.4	4.12	5.7	Wilton-on-Nze	9.13	3.7	9.37	3.8
Leith			12.13	4.9					



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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5097 (+0.0152)
German mark .. 2.5487 (+0.0083)
Exchange Index ..... 80.8 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2886.0 (-11.0)
Dow Jones ... 3518.29 (-11.91)*
Nikkei Avg .. 19543.42 (-343.34)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5¹⁵/₁₆-5¹¹/₁₆%
US Federal Funds..... 3¹/₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills . 3.03-3.01%*
Long Bond 6.67%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5040*	£:$ 1.5030
$:DM ...1.6825*	£:DM 2.5424
$:SWfr..1.5010*	£:SWfr...2.2545
$:Ffr ...5.7015*	£:Ffr 8.5595
$:Yen .107.10*	£:Yen ...160.98
£:SDR ..1.0846	£:ECU ..1.2939

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 375.25 ..... PM 375.35
Close 376.50-377.00
New York:
Comex 375.25-375.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 141.1 May (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Small investors resisting the lure of BT3

By Patricia Tehan

■ Kenneth Clarke yesterday unveiled the expected incentives for BT3 amid confirmation that interest from small investors is heavily down

ONLY 2.7 million people actually applied for information on the government's £5.2 billion BT3 sale, bringing the total registered to just 4.7 million, it was revealed yesterday. The number is way down on the level of interest shown at this stage during BT2 in 1991.

Of the 4.7 million registrations, 2.4 million are existing shareholders and employees who are automatically registered. About 1.4 million have registered with share shops and 1.3 million with the Share Information Office. The government's advisers believe they have identified 400,000 duplicate registrations.

The lack of interest from private investors is further acknowledged by the announcement that shares will be split 50-50 between private and institutional shareholders. Lack of interest in BT3 compares with 5.5 million registrations for BT2, of which just over 1 million were existing shareholders, leaving 4.5 million new registrants compared with 2.7 million this time round. Only 40 per cent of existing BT shareholders bought shares in BT2.

BT2 was only 1.7 times subscribed, way down from the rush for shares during the privatisation of British Gas in 1986, which was 4.7 times subscribed. The offer had 8.5 million registrations and 4.5 million applicants. The offer for water companies in 1989 was 5.7 times subscribed and the total offer for the regional electricity companies in 1990 was 10.7 times subscribed.

Private investors only have until Friday to register with share shops or with the information office. There is sure to be further duplication in the figures, unveiled yesterday by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, as existing shareholders must register with share shops to receive the highest allocation. Mr Clarke said he was pleased with interest shown so far. The British public had "shown far-sighted enthusiasm for what we call popular capitalism".

The government expects to sell half of its remaining 22 per cent BT stake to institutional investors, compared with just 33 per cent in BT2. That is sure to go down well with BT, which would rather see shares placed with institutions, as it finds administration of its large private shareholder base a burden.

If there is an unexpected increase in interest from private investors, the government has the option to sell up to two thirds of shares to them, cutting back the international offer to institutions.

Mr Clarke was launching the formal prospectus for the offer for sale of BT3. The prospectus will be posted to those who have registered for information, to arrive early next week, and it will be available from high street banks from next Wednesday.

As expected, private investors will receive a 10p discount on the first of the three BT3 instalments, paying 150p, compared with the 160p to be paid by institutions. Those registered with a share shop or the Share Information Office will also receive a 10p discount on each of the second and third instalments, on up to 1,000 shares, or a one-for-15 share bonus after three years, on allocations of up to 1,500 shares. The incentives are not as generous as they were during BT2 when the discount was 15p.

Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, highlighted the uncertainty in BT's regulatory environment. He said that not only was BT's price cap extremely tough, but there were several regulatory issues affecting the company's future.

In the prospectus, BT puts its case that the regulatory environment in which it operates "is now detailed, specific and restrictive". It says: "The price control formula has been tightened, the number of services covered has been expanded, and BT's ability to rebalance has been constrained. The regulatory environment has had, and will continue to have, an increasingly significant adverse impact on the company's revenues and operating profits."

The prospectus also points out BT's concerns that its room for flexibility in its pricing has been significantly curtailed by price controls that take effect on August 1. "No competing operator, including Mercury, is subject to price controls." From August, a basket of BT's prices will be reduced by inflation minus 7.5 per cent.

The public offer closes on July 14 and the international one on July 16, after which the price of the third instalment will be set. Mr Clarke refused to be drawn on the progress of AT&T's application for a licence to compete with BT in the UK.

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Brave face: the Chancellor said he was pleased with the interest shown so far

Granada tunes in to London Weekend

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

GRANADA Group, the television contractor for the north-west of England and producer of *Coronation Street*, has paid £67.9 million for a 14.99 per cent holding in LWT (Holdings), the London weekend broadcaster.

The deal was conducted through Barclays de Zoete Wedd, with Granada paying cash to the handful of institutional investors that hold LWT's convertible preference shares, the only equity available since the company's financial restructuring in 1989.

Analysts saw the move as a possible precursor to a hostile bid, should the rules that govern the industry be relaxed. At present, the nine biggest players, which include LWT and Granada, are not permitted to bid for each other, a point that featured heavily in LWT's formal response to the news.

Sir Christopher Bland, LWT chairman, said that he was relaxed about his new shareholder. Asked if there could eventually be a full bid, he said: "That kind of speculation I wouldn't indulge in unless and until they relax the rules."

Gerry Robinson, chief executive at Granada, said: "LWT is an excellent and well-managed company. This represents a very attractive investment in the future." Both companies are among those pressing the government to allow the larger franchise-holders to bid for one another.

LWT's preference shares, normally tightly held and barely traded, jumped 91p to 466p on the news. The shares, under the terms of the restructuring, convert into ordinary equity in September, offering the management windfall profits if they sell. If they do not, they will hold 14.4 per cent between them. Granada's stake will then dilute to 13.2 per cent.

In May, LWT paid £14.9 million for a 14 per cent holding in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, another big franchise-holder.

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Chatset takes Lloyd's loss over £3bn



Rowland: low count

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

LLOYD'S of London names could face losses of more than £3 billion for the 1990 underwriting year, according to independent analysts, outstripping the £2.915 billion figure unveiled last week by the Corporation of Lloyd's.

According to Chatset, the independent Lloyd's analyst, the Lloyd's figure, which equates to an average loss of £100,000 for each investor, is optimistically low.

An analysis of at least 350 of the market's 400 syndicates, representing 90 per cent of the overall stamp capacity, shows a total loss of £2.77 billion. However, John Rew, co-founder of Chatset, said: "The way the projection is going, it (the loss) looks worse than Lloyd's global figure."

Chatset's estimate of double counting, which inflates the loss as a result of different syndicates reserving for the same liability, is £400 million more than the £600 million announced last week by David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, at the annual meeting.

Chatset and Lloyd's reveal a similar breakdown of the losses between the market's four sections of business. But Chatset is the first to provide a breakdown of the losses by syndicate. The worst loss per £10,000 underwriting limit was made by marine syndicate 745, the excess-of-loss syndicate managed by David King. The syndicate made a 275 per cent loss in 1990, equating to a £27,500 loss per £10,000 line.

Mr Rew said: "A name underwriting on this syndicate would have to have put up £3,000 to write a £10,000 line and so would have lost nine times the amount put up."

Another victim of the spiral, marine syndicate 475, the underwriter of which, Roy Bromley, committed suicide in January, made the next largest loss, of 238 per cent, on the 1989 underwriting year. Of the market's 125 marine syndicates, only 17 made a profit, totalling £39 million, compared to the 108 that made a total loss of £1.19 billion.

The best-performing marine syndicate was Wellington syndicate 672, which made a 20.8 per cent profit after managing agents' expenses and before members' agents expenses. Merrett syndicate 421 was the worst-performing non-marine syndicate, notching up a 200 per cent loss on its 1983 underwriting year.

□ Christie's, the fine art auctioneer, is to help names use works of art as security for underwriting. Names will be offered a bank guarantee for up to 40 per cent of a Christie's valuation.

Let's fall in love with falling currencies



ANATOLE KALETSKY

The Brits do it. The Yanks do it. Even the educated Japs and Germans do it. So let's do it. Let's fall in love. What is the world falling in love with? Devaluation, of course.

From Tokyo, Bonn and Washington to Stockholm, Madrid and Rome, politicians and businessmen have realised that a strong currency is no longer a symbol of economic strength or prudent financial management, as it was under the old Bretton Woods system. In today's world of free capital movements and floating exchange rates, a strong currency is a symptom of weak government and an economic curse.

The business logic of this proposition is now obvious to any British or Italian exporter enjoying a bulging order book after the devaluations of White Wednesday. The economic arguments are more complex. They were first put forward in the mid-1960s by Robert Mundell, of Columbia University, who argued that in a world of floating exchange rates, countries with large government deficits and higher than average inflation would usually have strong currencies, rather than weak ones, because they would tend to have high real interest rates.

Although this theory predicted exactly what happened in Britain and America in the the early 1980s, and in Germany after unification, it has never persuaded people steeped in the folklore of the gold standard and mentally conditioned by the traditional horror of devaluations and sterling "crises". So let us forget about economic theory, and turn to political reality instead.

Wherever one looks around the world these days, one sees a government or central bank trying to talk its currency *down*. The Clinton administration does this quite openly, calling almost daily for the dollar to weaken against the yen. The Japanese reply in kind, stressing (correctly) that a strong yen would do their economy untold damage and hinting, less persuasively, that it would harm the rest of the world as well.

But of course, Tokyo is politically weaker than Washington — which is why the yen keeps rising and the dollar keeps going down. In fact, it can be persuasively argued that the chronic weakness of every Japanese government since the Recruit bribery scandal in 1988 has been the main reason why the yen has risen much further and faster than any other currency since then.

Now look at Europe. France, though engaged in an old-fashioned virility contest against the German mark, has been absolutely clear in its desire for the franc to weaken against the dollar and yen. In Britain, too, the establishment has finally latched on to the benefits of devaluation. All the newspapers, business organisations and company chairmen who last year demanded a decade of national economic penance to prevent the the pound falling below DM2.7780, now call for equally urgent action to prevent the pound rising above DM2.55.

Until recently, Germany was the sole exception to the worldwide love affair with devaluation. But last week even the Bundesbank finally succumbed. Sunday's comment by Hans Tietmeyer, the new Bundesbank president, that he saw no problems in recent foreign exchange movements, seemed calculated to encourage the worldwide run on the mark — and did precisely that.

So where does this leave us? With every country trying to push its currency down against every other, is the world now condemned to a period of "competitive devaluation" and a 1930s-style international trade? My answers are both optimistic: yes and no.

We *are* now in a world of competitive devaluation, but the consequences will be entirely benign. Some politicians claim that competitive devaluation is a beggar-thy-neighbour policy like protectionism. But this is quite simply false. To keep their currencies weak, governments around the world will have to keep lowering their interest rates. Of course, it is logically impossible for every country to achieve its ambition of having the world's weakest currency. But the process of trying will, at a global level, promote economic growth. In a world of global depression, competitive devaluation will not cause protectionism, but avert it. So let's do it. Let's fall in love — with the falling pound, dollar, yen, lira, franc and mark.

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Loss-making Ferranti in talks with partners on cash injection

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR



TIM BISHOP

Fighting back: Eugene Anderson, chairman, says Ferranti has become "expert at operating under adversity"

FERRANTI International, the British defence group ripped apart by fraud in 1989, is holding talks with strategic partners on a cash injection through the taking of shareholdings. Ferranti reported much reduced losses, but rising debts, for the year to March 31. Its shares fell 2.75p to 12p yesterday.

Eugene Anderson, brought in as chairman four years ago to sort out the aftermath of the disastrous merger with International Signal, refused to be drawn on the identities of potential partners, and on the sizes of the stakes they would emerge with.

He said some potential partners were overseas. Mr Anderson apparently sounded out the group's advisers on a rights issue but decided instead to seek a cash injection. He is still concerned by Ferranti's £19 million of overdue creditors, though the figure has come down from £55 million since the start of the last financial year.

Mr Anderson said: "We are gradually whittling down the overdue creditors, but not fast enough. I am not suggesting we cannot continue to operate without an equity injection, but it would make life a lot easier, even though we have become great experts at operating under adversity."

Wiping out the backlog of creditors and strengthening the balance sheet, would, Mr Anderson feels, help to win the extra contracts Ferranti needs to get back into the black. He is still confident of winning a £100 million contract to install an air defence system in Bahrain. Ferranti's bankers have extended borrowing and bonding facilities for a further year, to the end of June 1994. Ferranti says only one legal action is outstanding after the traumas of the past four years. It is for about £7 million and has been provided for in the balance sheet.

In the year to March 31, Ferranti lost £24.5 million before tax, an improvement on the £46.2 million lost the previous year. Sales were down from £362.6 million to £230.9 million, largely because of disposals. Mr Anderson said: "The last piece of the recovery puzzle has stubbornly refused to fall into place. That piece is the winning of enough profitable and cash-positive business to push the company through the break-even point into profit. Our largest market, defence electronics and systems, is still severely depressed in our traditional areas, Britain and America, and unlikely to rebound soon." Net debt rose from £66.5 million to £90.6 million, or 166 per cent of shareholders' funds. Interest charges fell from £13.5 million to £12.2 million but adverse exchange-rate movements raised debt by £2.5 million.

Rationalisation took the numbers employed from 5,374 to 3,973. The order book ended the year at £200 million, after Ferranti picked up £170 million of work during the year.

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Germany plans DM25bn cuts and axes rail jobs

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

GERMANY intends to cut its soaring budget deficit by imposing spending cuts of DM25 billion next year and deep cuts in subsequent years. The package, announced yesterday, was welcomed by the Bundesbank and removes a large obstacle to further interest rate cuts.

This news, together with Monday's comments from Hans Tietmeyer, the deputy president of the Bundesbank, that the current level of the mark is appropriate, has shifted the financial markets' view of the likelihood of interest rate cuts.

Cuts could come as early as tomorrow, when the Bundesbank council holds its regular meeting. Both the Bundesbank and the Bank of France were reported to have been selling dollars for marks, suggesting that the authorities are trying to stabilise the mark before rate cuts.

John Hall of Swiss Bank Corp said that Herr Tietmeyer's comments marked a psychological watershed for the markets: bond prices are factoring in a cut of as much as ½ a point off the discount rate and 15 to 20 basis points off the bank's repurchase rate.

However, the markets have tended to run ahead of the Bundesbank's appetite for rate cuts and any monetary easing may not be so aggressive. There also remains the possibility that the bank may wait until its next meeting on July 15, by which time the deficit reduction plan will have been presented to the German cabinet for approval.

The plan calls for cuts in spending at all levels of government: DM25.25 billion next year, DM32.65 billion in 1995 and DM34.61 billion in 1996.

The package, unveiled on the day that a German newspaper revealed that the German railway system is to shed nearly 90,000 jobs by 1998, also included measures to boost economic growth, including the fact that investment oriented spending was cut less than other forms.

News Corp asks for deferral on HK ruling

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

THE News Corporation has asked Hong Kong authorities to defer a ruling on its bid for a 22 per cent stake in Television Broadcasts (TVB), one of the colony's two stations.

Hong Kong's executive council, the Governor's cabinet, was to have discussed yesterday whether to allow News Corp to buy the stake permitted under Hong Kong law.

Foreign companies, except those with a seven-year presence in the colony, are restricted in ownership of a local television company. News Corp, parent of the *South China Morning Post*, has been resident for six years.

The company, which has extensive broadcast and publishing interests including *The Times*, said it was continuing talks with TVB's owners and needed more time to finalise its proposal, announced on June 15.

TVB's two largest shareholders are Shaw Brothers (Hong Kong), with a 34 per cent stake, and Kerry Group, with 32 per cent.

News Corp planned to pay about HK$1.9 billion (£164 million), or HK$20 a share, for 22.2 per cent of the shares, so that the three large shareholders would hold a similiar stake, with the remaining 34 per cent in public hands.

Its bid has faced opposition from some legislators, the Journalists Association, and a commentary from a Chinese news agency, possibly inspired by sources in Peking, which urged the Hong Kong government to "examine the impact of bringing in foreign forces to internationalise the Hong Kong media".

Hong Kong, meanwhile, is planning legislation on cross-media ownership. The timing was not planned to coincide with the News Corp bid.

Analysts and media specialists are disappointed to see the obstacles faced by News Corp. Shamus O'Brien, managing director of CSI Asia Pacific, said: "Ownership by News Corp is not only good for broadcasting in Hong Kong but for the region. It brings in News Corp's experience and expertise, and it poses no threat or danger that will harm broadcasting."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

EC Court confirms 'dollar' banana curb

GERMANY yesterday lost its battle to scrap the EC's controversial banana import regime, which begins tomorrow. The decision by the EC Court of Justice in Luxembourg will infuriate Latin American countries, which produce the world's cheapest and largest bananas. They have complained to the Gatt world trade authority, and the issue could further diminish the chances of a new world trade agreement being signed by the end of the year.

In 1991, Germans ate 1.3 million tonnes of bananas, out of total EC consumption of 3.7 million tonnes, mainly supplied by the so-called "dollar" exporters of Latin America. Now the dollar banana quota will be cut to 2 million tonnes, with a duty of 100 ecus (£77) a tonne; anything over this amount will be subjected to 170 per cent import duty. Germany says steep price rises are inevitable. The clampdown is the result of intense lobbying by African and Caribbean nations.

Celsis in £22m placing

CELSIS, a maker of diagnostic and monitoring systems for detecting microbial contamination, is being brought to market via a £22 million share placing sponsored by Panmure Gordon, the broker. At the 100p placing price, it will be capitalised at £60 million. Of the 22 million shares to be sold at 100p each, 15 million will be placed with institutions and 7 million sold through intermediaries to raise £12.4 million net for the company and the balance for existing shareholders.

Lowndes Lambert up

TIGHT control on overheads helped Lowndes Lambert Group, the insurance broker, make pre-tax profits of £10.3 million (£9.3 million) on a 10 per cent rise in turnover to £67.5 million. The £1 million of new premium income came from acquisitions. Lowndes had a net own-funds cash position of £10.8 million at the year end, against borrowings of £4.2 million previously. Earnings rose 8.5 per cent to 28p a share and the dividend is 13.5p (12.6p).

Sears sales edge up

SEARS, the retailing group, saw a modest improvement in sales in the first five months of the year but there was no sign of sustained recovery, Geoffrey Maitland Smith, chairman, said at the annual meeting. He said May had been a difficult month, in line with weak official retail statistics. Good progress had been made at British Shoe and Selfridges, but trading in children's wear and in sports and leisure had proved difficult. The shares traded at 99p, down ½p.

Halma better by half



HALMA, the environmental technology group, boosted pre-tax profits by 47 per cent, to £20.9 million, in the year to April 3, with earnings per share up 43 per cent to 9.93p. The comparative figures for 1992 are affected by the inclusion of £1.3 million of exceptional costs, taken above the line in accordance with FRS3. David Barber, chairman, right, said industrial safety, gas and fire detection and water treatment continued buoyant. The board is recommending a 20 per cent increase in dividend to 2.636p and a one-for-three scrip issue.

BTR sells Hawker arm

BTR, the industrial conglomerate, has sold Hawker Fusegear, acquired as part of the Hawker Siddeley takeover in 1991, to Cooper Industries, an American electrical to industrial products group, for $34 million. Hawker Fusegear, which is based at Burton-on-the-Wolds, Leicestershire, makes a range of electrical fuses, as well as a related range of fusegear and connector products. The business has annual sales of about $39 million.

Rodime moves ahead

RODIME, the Scottish computer disc drive maker now concentrating on licensing technology, continued to make progress, with a pre-tax profit of $815,000 in the six months to end-March ($644,000 loss). The company, now repositioning as an intellectual property group, saw operating income drop to $3.22 million ($3.74 million). There was a net foreign currency gain of $334,000 ($194,000 loss). Earnings were 0.4 cents a share (0.4 cents deficit).

Rights issue by Birkby

BIRKBY, a managed workspace, vehicle hire and instalment credit group, is raising £9.2 million through a one-for-two rights issue, at 135p a share. Part of the proceeds will fund the acquisition of Hill Hire, a commercial vehicle business, for an initial £4.5 million, and up to £2 million later.

Birkby unveiled a pre-tax profit of £1.1 million in the year to March 31. The final dividend is 2.53p, making a total of 3.53p (nil).

Vosper buys RG Parker

VOSPER Thornycroft, the shipbuilding and engineering group, is acquiring RG Parker (Engineering), a water jet manufacturer, for up to £750,000. Parker, which trades as PP Jet, makes water jet units used for propelling high-speed leisure, work and military marine craft. Vosper said Parker would complement its existing marine propulsion, positioning and stabilising equipment businesses. Parker had sales of £1.1 million in 1992, four fifths accounted for by exports.

EBRD interest by Christophersen

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

HENNING Christophersen, the EC economics commissioner, yesterday proclaimed himself interested in becoming the next president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). His remarks fly in the face of forceful French lobbying for Jacques Attali to be replaced by another Frenchman.

While stressing he is not yet an official candidate, Mr Christophersen, the former leader of the Danish liberal party, said: "If a sufficiently large number of countries support my candidature, I would indeed be interested in standing."

The search for a replacement for M Attali, who resigned last week, centres on finding a president who is acceptable to all the leading sponsors. There is no doubt in Brussels that Mr Christophersen is willing and able to fill the post but critics point to his lack of banking experience.

Among a variety of possible French candidates, Michel Camdessus, currently working at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, is favoured as one whose abilities as an international banker are well known to the Americans. As the bank's largest shareholder and one of M Attali's strongest critics, the US administration is determined to ensure the new EBRD president will be an able technocrat.

The timing of next week's G7 meeting in Tokyo has set a tight deadline for Anne Wibble, the Swedish finance minister and chairman of the bank's governors, who has the job of arranging the succession. Mrs Wibble is understood to be planning a meeting in London next Monday to prepare the ground for a new appointment.



Christophersen: willing

Rate of company failures starts to ease

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS failures are levelling off in England and Wales, while some companies are facing cash flow difficulties because of rising business activity, according to two new industrial surveys today that provide further evidence of an economic recovery.

The latest study of business failures carried out by Dun & Bradstreet, the international business information company, says that even though more than 1,340 businesses are still failing every week in Britain, the rate of failures is levelling off in England and Wales, though still rising in Scotland.

In England and Wales, 25,883 businesses collapsed in the first six months of the year, against 25,683 in the same period last year. In Scotland, failures rose from 5,039 in 1992 to 6,565 this year.

Though London recorded a 2.2 per cent decrease in failures, and the South East a marginal increase, failures in the two areas taken together comprise more than a third of all failures in Britain. Wales witnessed a 14.6 per cent decrease, while a 30 per cent rise in Scotland — mainly due to a rise in personal or small business bankruptcies — accounted for more than a fifth of the UK total.

Philip Mellor, D&B marketing manager, said the failure rate now was different from the last recession in the early 1980s: "During and after that recovery, business failure rates continued to rise for a further three years. Now the rate of attrition has been much more severe during the recession itself."

A survey by Lloyds Bank, which shows "significant" improvements in business confidence across 2,000 industrial and commercial companies in both manufacturing and the service sector, shows that for the first time, the upturn in business activity and demand is causing cash flow problems for one company in ten.

The bank says confidence is higher across all regions and industrial sectors, and that 43 per cent of all companies — led by transport and communications, retailing and general manufacturing — have had higher order books over the last six months. Expectations on turnover, profitability and orders are all showing a "dramatic improvement", according to the bank.

While the number of companies experiencing cash flow problems is markedly down, from 56 per cent of those surveyed to 37 per cent, with late payment still the largest single cause, increasing demand is now causing problems, with the greatest strain from higher activity felt in south Wales, London, the Midlands and the north of England.

Michael Riding, general manager of the bank's commercial service, said the survey indicated "a substantial reduction in the number of businesses experiencing cash flow difficulties although a growing need for cash is becoming apparent as activity and demand increase."

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BAT strikes lucky in £135m brands swap

By Colin Campbell

BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services group where Sir Patrick Sheehy is chairman, has struck lucky. It is to receive a £135 million cash injection — £70 million immediately and the balance over ten years — after a tobacco brands swap with Gallaher, a subsidiary of American Brands, the US tobacco group.

The swap involves BAT acquiring from American Brands the cigarette business of Lucky Strike and Pall Mall in France and in certain other parts of the world outside of America including parts of Africa and Central America. The deal also includes the exclusive right to supply the brands to the US duty-free trade. In exchange, American Brands is acquiring from BAT its Benson & Hedges' trademarks in the European Community and in the Efta countries.

BAT retains its duty-free sales in these areas, its important B&H export business from Europe, and its other B&H overseas markets. At present, BAT owns Lucky Strike and Pall Mall in all European markets, other than France, while the Gallaher unit of American Brands owns B&H in Britain and Eire only. The exchange allows both groups to resolve the disadvantage of divided ownership and allows each to focus more keenly on certain brands in their own markets. The move has been cleared by the European Commission and is a logical development of the European single market, BAT said.

World sales of Lucky Strike and Benson & Hedges are conservatively estimated at 17 billion "sticks" (cigarettes) annually. Lucky Strike, already enjoying big success in Spain, Germany and France, should develop into an even stronger US international brand as a result of the change, BAT said.

BAT will include the £135 million as a pre-tax profit in its 1993 results for the year to December 31. The businesses being swapped generated trading profits of £8 million, giving an exit price/earnings ratio of nearly 17. But if BAT has been lucky with the swap, it was unlucky in the market yesterday where, because of a indication of US trading conditions, its shares eased 7½p to 421p.

The group has said, before the interim results on July 28, that the US cigarette price war is having an impact on trading. Trading profits at its Brown & Williamson subsidiary were likely to suffer by about $75 million in the first half of this year because of trade de-stocking. The full implications of the price war, which stepped up in April when Marlboro cut its prices by 40 cents a packet, cannot yet be fully quantified, BAT said.

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Increase in fraud by senior managers

By Jon Ashworth

SENIOR British managers committed more frauds in the past 18 months than employees and middle management put together, according to a survey. Over half of corporate fraud charges of more than £100,000 since the beginning of 1992 were brought against top managers, compared with 13 per cent for middle management, according to the survey by KPMG Forensic Accounting.

Just 22 per cent of charges were brought against employees, as opposed to 58 per cent for their senior directors.

Part of the rise can be explained by the prominence of cases such as Maxwell Communication Corporation. Legal moves to simplify trials may result in charges being brought against a few senior directors, further heightening the trend.

Last year, the value of reported fraud more than doubled to £671 million and the trend is continuing. Charges relating to £571 million were brought in the first four months of 1993 alone, although £489 million related to the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. This still gives an average charge of £6.3 million for the other 13 major frauds in the period. Six cases involved lawyers or accountants.

Evidence has emerged that fraudsters have found a way around the Financial Services Act (1986), set up to protect investors. The key lies in selling the merits of a fraudulent scheme to an authorised intermediary in order to gain access to clients' funds or to use their clients' assets to conceal fraudulent activities.

Ian Huntington, head of fraud investigation at KPMG Forensic Accounting, said this worrying development, highlighted by civil cases, allowed fraudsters to circumvent investor protection. He said: "Professional advisers — including accountants and solicitors who are often the targets of these fraudsters — must be increasingly vigilant."

Investor frauds tend to average £10.8 million. Most corporate fraudsters are aged between 41 and 50. KPMG is critical of directors for failing to protect their companies against fraud.

United News calls for £190m in bid to reduce its debts

By George Sivell
City Editor

■ United Newspapers is repairing its balance sheet as it goes in search of acquisitions in publishing and exhibitions in America and the Far East

SHARES in United Newspapers dipped 11p to 574p yesterday after the newspaper, magazine, exhibition and financial information group, surprised the market with a £190 million cash call.

Lord Stevens, the chairman, and the board are asking shareholders to take up one new share at 480p for every five shares they hold at present.

They say that the proceeds will reduce debts — based on the December 1992 year-end balance sheet — from 185 per cent of shareholders' funds to 34 per cent.

United says: "The strengthening of the capital base of the group through the rights issue will provide greater scope to pursue a strategy of further growth in its principal business areas.

"A number of opportunities for expanding existing publishing and exhibition interests are being actively pursued in America and the Far East."

It is understood that United has a number of targets in mind. Media analysts said yesterday that United was raising money at the right time.

In support of its cash call, United repeated its annual meeting forecast that in the absence of the unforeseen circumstances, pre-tax profits for the half year to end-June will top the £46.5 million earned in the first half of last year. However, United made no specific forecast, despite launching the cash call one day before the half-year end.

Graham Wilson, the managing director of United, explained that a profits estimate would have required a good deal more work but that Stock Exchange rules required a statement on profits.

On prospects, United says that its businesses are generally trading satisfactorily in a continuing period of difficult market conditions.

The group singles out national newspapers in Britain, Express Newspapers, and United Advertising Periodicals and PR Newswire in America as performing better than last year.

The group adds that its businesses are in a strong position to benefit from any upturn in advertising volumes.

On Extel, the financial information subsidiary, United says: "In light of recent press speculation, a number of enquiries about Extel Financial have been received from third parties but none are under active consideration."

The group says it has made capital expenditure of £316 million in the past five years, spent £130 million on rationalising and restructuring, and spent £275 million on diversification.

United says this has been financed by £301 million of internally generated net cash, an increase in net borrowings of £219 million and £145 million of asset sales. Debts were pushed up by £25 million during 1992 by the strong dollar.

Over the past ten years, Mr Wilson says that about £750 million has been written off from the group's balance sheet on goodwill acquired with acquisitions.

He explained that because of this, United tends not to judge itself on its balance sheet so much as on its interest cover.

The preferred minimum was 5 and United disclosed a cover of 5.4 times for last year.

In the past five years, United Newspapers' operating profits have varied from £104 million to £124 million on sales up from £754 million to £831 million. Dividends have risen from 20.5p to 21.5p total per share.



Building up: Sir Keith Stuart, left, with Jim Ellis, chief executive, at the site of a new HQ in West Sussex

Seeboard surges ahead in payout race

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

SEEBOARD, the electricity distributor serving the South East, has sprinted ahead of the pack in the unofficial dividend race being run by the power industry, with a rise of 15.9 per cent in total payments to shareholders for last year.

A 14.3p final dividend makes a total payment of 20.0p. The rise tops the 15.6 per cent increase paid to shareholders of Northern Electric, announced on Monday, which had been the biggest rise in the industry's annual reporting season.

Sir Keith Stuart, the chairman, said the dividend decision had been taken without reference to other payments made in the sector. "It's not something that we've arrived at by looking over our shoulders at what the others are doing," he added.

With earnings per share also up by 15.9 per cent last year, cover could therefore be maintained on the higher payment. The payment is on the back of pre-tax profits that rose from £98.4 million to £112.7 million in the year to end-March and cash flow of almost £18 million that cut year-end gearing from 12 per cent to just 7 per cent.

Seeboard shares responded with a 10p jump to 520p.

Storehouse names new chief

By Our Deputy City Editor

KEITH Edelman, currently managing director at Carlton Communications and deputy to Michael Green, is the surprising choice as the new chief executive of Storehouse, after a four-month search for a replacement for David Dworkin.

Mr Dworkin quit in February to return to his native America, and the latest accounts from the retailer show that he was paid a $4 million bonus in addition to his salary. Mr Edelman, 42, has been at Carlton for only two years. He was brought in after City criticism that too much power had been concentrated in the hands of Mr Green.

Before that, Mr Edelman had been on the board of Ladbroke, the property, betting and hotels group, where he headed the Texas Homecare DIY chain. He said that the chance to be chief executive of such a large company had been too good an opportunity to pass up.

His salary is not being disclosed, but it is less than the £575,000 Mr Dworkin was being paid when he left. Mr Edelman is on the normal bonus package for executives.

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Still £16m deficit overhangs Ascot, ex-Control Securities

By Carl Mortished

IT TAKES more than a name change to fill a hole in the balance sheet and Ascot Holdings, formerly Control Securities, still retains a deficit of £16.4 million in its shareholders' funds after the restructuring.

The shares are expected to resume trading today, three years after they were suspended, when the Serious Fraud Office raided the offices of Nazmu Virani, then chairman of Control Securities.

Ascot's business, which include pubs, hotels and the Bellhaven Brewery as well as property developments, produced operating profits of £22 million (£24 million) in the year to March 31. But that was insufficient to cover a higher interest bill of £30 million (£27 million) and after property writedowns of £71 million (£193 million) Ascot made a pre-tax loss of £79 million for the year (£196 million).

Michael Kerslake, Ascot's finance director, said the 580-strong pub estate made an operating profit of £6.5 million during the year but trading had been difficult with an 8 per cent fall in turnover due to tenant failures and the need, in some cases, to reduce rents. Hotels contributed £2.1 million while the Bellhaven Brewery, where sale discussions continue, made an operating profit of £2.5 million.

Ascot is committed to selling its property portfolio, which contributed £11 million last year in rents, and sales during the period generated £42 million. Mr Kerslake said the properties had been taken off the market last year but in the beginning of 1993 marketing had resumed and in some cases the assets were achieving prices above the new December 31 values.

In May, Ascot's bankers, which include Sumitomo and Barclays, agreed to give the company some breathing space to sell property and hotel assets and bondholders were offered a partial debt for equity swap, but the deal only improved the net asset position by £34 million, insufficient to remove the deficit.

Ascot will in due course ask the court's permission for a reduction in the share capital in order to eliminate the negative balance-sheet figure.

Float warning for investors

THE prospectus for the £60 million flotation of Business Post Group, one of Britain's biggest overnight parcel delivery services, had to be substantially rewritten on the eve of the shares being placed. The change was to warn potential shareholders of threatened legal action.

Advisers to the float said only last week that they were unaware of any legal actions by a body of disgruntled franchise-holders who were claiming the terms of their franchises threatened to make their businesses financially unviable.

At the same time, however, the advisers, including Baring Brothers as merchant bankers and UBS as brokers, were putting together a reworded prospectus.

This made it clear that legal proceedings had been threatened, although no details had been received and any claims were without foundation and would not affect the company's financial position.

The prospectus has also given details of a higher bonus scheme which the franchisees, who effectively run the outlying arms of the business, won from the management as late as last week. At the time, advisers suggested that the cost of the new scheme would be immaterial and could amount only to about £75,000 a year.

However, the true cost would have been £405,000 in total had the scheme been in place in the latest financial year.

The placing of 12.5 million shares at 120p will raise £11.25 million for the company to fund expansion and £3 million for the two founding directors, Peter and Michael Kane, and their family trusts. Once the placing is complete, the two parties will be left holding about 75 per cent of the equity.

The business was founded in 1971 by Peter Kane, who was joined by his brother three years later. The rest of the board is of more recent appointment. The finance director and one non-executive director joined in April. The second non-executive director — and the only other board member — arrived this month.



Set to gain: Peter Kane, Business Post chairman

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STOCK MARKET

Granada move at LWT puts TV companies sharply in focus

THE news that **Granada** had snapped up a near-15 per cent stake in rival independent broadcaster **LWT** for £67.9 million succeeded in whetting investors' appetites for the rest of the television companies.

Share prices elsewhere in the sector were marked sharply higher as brokers and fund managers decided the deal with LWT, which operates the London weekend television broadcasting franchise, was the first of many.

In recent months the government has hinted it may look favourably on cross-holdings and agreed mergers between the independent broadcasters. Many of them have paid a high price for their franchises and may eventually require links with rivals to keep costs down.

Granada bought the line of LWT preference shares from BZW at 500p, a big premium over the ruling market price. BZW is believed to have been acting on behalf of three institutions. LWT finished the day 91p up at 466p, while Granada eased 3p to 417p.



Brands-swap deal overshadowed: Sir Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT

Speculative buying also lifted **Anglia Television**, 36p to 353p. **Central Independent**, 107p to £20.65, **Grampian TV 'A'**, 23p to 236p, **HTV Group**, 3p to 59p, **Scottish TV**, 25p to 524p, **Ulster**, 21p to 480p, and **Yorkshire**, 14p to 199p.

The rest of the equity market had a lacklustre appearance with prices drifting in thin conditions with only 560 million shares changing hands. A big proportion could be accounted for by the LWT deal, the rump of the Oliver Resources issue, amounting to 27 million shares, and a programme trade carried out by Smith New Court. The FT-SE 100 index saw an early eight-point lead wiped out to finish 11.0 down at 2,886.0.

Ferranti, the troubled electronics group, fell 3p to 11¾p after reporting worse than expected full-year losses. A strong bull account had been built up in the shares recently. **United Newspapers**, publisher of *The Daily and Sunday Express and The Star*, fell 11p to 574p after announcing

NatWest Securities says half-year figures from Cadbury Schweppes, unchanged at 461p, are likely to be upbeat. But it adds that earnings may fall short of target this year and next. NatWest says the rating is just too high.

plans to raise £190 million via a one-for-five rights issue at 480p a share. It wants the money to cut borrowings with gearing currently at 185 per cent. At the same time, United is forecasting pre-tax profits in the first half will exceed the £46.5 million in the same period last year. But it ruled out the prospect of a bid for its Extel Financial information service, though it has received a number of enquiries.

Securiguard advanced 4p to 313p after a 35 per cent risein interim pre-tax profits on Monday. **Rentokil** must now decide in the next few days whether or not to raise increase its 270p a share offer. Rentokil rose 6p to 203p.

BAT Industries remained overshadowed by the US cigarette price war with the price losing a further 7p at 421½p after announcing details of a brand-swapping deal with American Brands valued at £135 million. But it gave warning that the US price war would dent profits at its Brown & Williamson subsidiary. A number of discounted *menthol brands* have been launched in the US to compete with its own Kool brand which has prevented it from implementing price rises. This week, James Capel, the bro-

Danka Business Systems, the American photocopier supplier with a London quote, increased 40p to 895p, taking the rise of the past week to 75p. It has announced another three acquisitions, adding $21 million to revenues.

ker, was reckoned to have cut its profit forecast for BAT because of the price war.

Storehouse, the Bhs and Mothercare stores group, firmed 3p to 212p after announcing Keith Edelman will become chief executive. He has resigned as managing director of **Carlton Communications**. The appointment ends a four-month search by Storehouse for a new chief executive after David Dworkin's resignation. Carlton fell 13p to 770p.

Sears were unmoved on the news that sales in the first five months of 1993 had shown a modest improvement on the same period last time. But shareholders were told at the annual meeting trading had been mixed with no sign of a sustained upturn.

Euro Disney fell 12p to 798p on reports in French newspapers that attendances at the theme park had declined dramatically in the last quarter. Analyst Nigel Reed at Paribas said they had only been maintained in the first three months of 1993 because of heavy promotional activity.

Downibrae, soon to change its name to GBE after the reverse takeover, returned from suspension at 68p compared with the offer price of 60p. **Creston** also returned from suspension, at 26½p, after its reverse takeover of Co-ordinated Land. It closed at 23½p. It was the first day of trading for the newly merged **Hodder Headline** with the price opening at 355p.

☐ **Gilts** tracked lower along with the futures market before today's £3.2 billion auction. But despite the downward pressure, there was little real sell-off. On the futures market, the September series of the Long Gilt finished £¼ down at £106³¹/₃₂ with 37,000 contracts completed. In the cash market, longs suffered the heaviest falls with **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** down seven ticks at £108³/₈, while in shorts, **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** was four ticks lighter at £110³/₃₂.

MICHAEL CLARK

Packaging company profits top £15m

John Waddington, the packaging group known better for board games such as Monopoly and Cluedo, unwrapped taxable profits up by more than a fifth at £15.1 million (£12.5 million) for the year to April 3. Analysts predict about £18 million for the current year.

Packaging profits rose by almost 7 per cent, to £12.3 million, as the group continued to focus on foods, pharmaceuticals and personal care. Specialist printing profits were up by 7.5 per cent, to £4.3 million. The games division recorded static profits of £3.4 million despite what Waddington called a difficult retail market in the UK.

The recently-sold business forms division made losses of £1.8 million in the year under review. Interest payable, at £3.1 million, was slightly down.

Earnings per share rose 18.2 per cent to 13.71p (11.60p), and a final dividend of 4.3p makes an unchanged total of 7.9p.

Danka buys in US

Danka Business Systems, the US office equipment supplier quoted in London, is buying three US dealers for a total of about $7.5 million. The *acquisitions will give the company* $21 million of additional annual revenues. Danka will acquire Layne's Copy Product Company in Virginia, Business Copy Products in Texas and Midwest Toner Distributors Inc in Missouri. Danka shares yesterday rose by 40p, to 895p.

Feedback ahead

Feedback, the electronics group whose equipment is used in education and industry, has returned to the black, with pre-tax profits of £1.1 million in the year to March 31 (£366,200 loss). Earnings per share of 7.66p replace losses per share of 3.37p last time. The final dividend of 1.5p makes a same total. No dividends were paid last year.

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Takeda Chem	792p (-20p)
Wellcome	663p (-25p)

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WALL STREET

Dow gives up gains during early trading

New York — Shares continued to give up Monday's gains in mid-morning trading, and lower than expected consumer confidence delivered another blow to the market. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 13 to 3,517 in early trading.

☐ **Tokyo** — The market fell sharply and sentiment was dampened by news that four big construction firms were raided by prosecutors on bribery charges, brokers said. Prices also fell on arbitrage unwinding and profit-taking. The Nikkei average was down 343.34 points at 19,543.42.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares closed up on the day but off their morning highs as end of financial year book-squaring dominated trade. Most blue chips fell, but gold and bank stocks were firmer. The all-ordinaries index closed up 3.4 points at 1,718.5.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The market finished lower as investors took a lack of political news as a signal to take profits after Monday's steep rise. The Hang Seng index ended 40.63 points lower at 7,107.47.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares finished higher on bargain hunting with the main gains in industrials. Brokers expect the market to continue its uptrend if the index stays above 1,810 convincingly. The Straits Times industrial index closed 25.38 points higher at 1,808.52.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The market spent a directionless day on the sidelines, tired of trying to go up further on speculation over interest rate cuts. The Dax index ended up 1.13 points at 1,708.33. *(Reuter)*

	Jun 29 midday	Jun 28 close
AMP Inc	61¾	62¾
AMR Corp	62¾	62¾
Abbott Labs	25¾	26¾
Aetna Life	55	55
Ahmanson (HF)	18	17¾
Air Prod & Chem	38¾	39¾
Albertson's	54	52¾
Alcan Aluminm	19	18¾
Alco Standard	49¾	49¾
Allied Signal	67¾	69¾
Alum Co of Am	69¾	68¾
Amax	23	22¾
Amerada Hess	48¾	48¾
Amer Brands	33¾	33¾
Amer Cyanamid	53¾	53¾
Amer El Power	37¾	37¾
Amer Express	31¼	31¼
Amer Genl Corp	31¼	31¼
Amer Home Pr	65¾	64¾
Amer Intl	129¾	130¾
Amer Stores	45¾	45¾
Amer T & T	63¾	62¾
Ameritech	79¾	80¾
Amoco	55¾	55¾
Anheuser-Busch	49¾	49¾
Apple Computer	39¾	40¾
Archer Daniels	23¾	23¾
Arkla	10	9¾
Armco	7¼	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	32¾	32¾
Asarco	19	18¾
Ashland Oil	26	26¾
Atl Richfield	116¾	116¾
Auto Data Pro	48	48¾
Avery Dennison	29¾	29¾
Avon Products	58¾	58
Baker Hughes	25¾	26¾
Baltm Gas & El	25¾	25¾
Banc One	56¾	56¾
BankAmerica	45	45¾
Bank of NY	59¾	60¾
Bankers Tr NY	73	73¾
Barnett Banks	48¾	48¾
Bausch & Lomb	49¾	49¾
Baxter Intl	28¾	28¾
Bectn Dickson	39¾	39¾
Bell Atlantic	58¾	58¾
BellSouth	55¾	55¾
Black & Decker	20¾	20¾
Block (H&R)	35¾	35¾
Boeing	38¾	37¾
Boise Cascade	24	24¾
Borden Inc	18¾	19¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	58¾	59¾
Browning Ferris	27	26¾
Burlington Nthn	53¾	53¾
CBS	229¾	228
CNA Financial	95¾	96
CPC Intl	41¾	41¾
CSX	71¼	71¼
Campbell Soup	39¾	39
Can Pacific	16¾	16¾
Cptl Cities ABC	501¾	502¾
Cptl Holdings	39¾	39¾
Carolina Pwr	32¾	33¾
Caterpillar	74¾	75¾
Central & SW	32¾	32¾
Champion Intl	33¾	33¾
Chase Manhat	32	32¾
Chemical Bk	40¾	41¼
Chevron Corp	87¾	87¾
Chrysler	47¾	46¾
Chubb Corp	86¾	87¾
Cigna Corp	60¾	60¾
Citicorp	30	30
Clorox	50	50¾
Coastal Corp	28¾	28¾
Coca Cola	43¾	43¾
Colgate-Palmolive	57¾	57¾
Columbia Gas	24¾	24¾
Commonw Ed	27¾	27¾
Compaq Comp	51¾	53¾
Comp Ass Int	29¾	28¾
Conagra	25¾	25¾
Cons Edison	35¾	35¾
Cons Nat Gas	52¾	53¾
Cons Rail	53¾	55¾
Cooper Inds	50¾	50¾
Corning Inc	34¾	34¾
Crown Cork	38¾	37¾
Dana Corp	53¾	53¾
Dayton Hudson	65¾	65¾
Deere	64¾	64¾
Delta Air Lines	47¾	47¾
Deluxe Corp	37¾	37¾
Detroit Edison	35¾	35¾
Digital Equip	41¾	42¾
Dillard Dept St	36¾	37
Disney (Walt)	41¾	42
Dominion Res	44	44
Donnelley (RR)	28¾	28¾
Dover Corp	47¾	46¾
Dow Chemicals	55¾	55¾
Dow Jones	27¾	27¾
Dresser	23¼	23¼
Duke Power	39¾	40¾
Dun & Brdstreet	58¾	58¾
Du Pont	47¾	48¾
Eastman Kodak	50¾	51
Eaton Corp	43	90¾
Emerson Elec	58¾	58¾
Engelhard Corp	36¾	36¾
Enron Corp	65¾	65¾
Entergy Corp	36¾	36¾
Ethyl Corp	29	29
Exxon	65¾	66¾
FMC Corp	44¾	44¾
FPL Group	38	37¾
Federal Express	46	48¾
Fed Nat Mtge	84¾	84¾
First Chicago	42¾	43
First Interstate	62¾	64
First Union Rlty	10¾	10¾
Fleet Finl Grp	33¾	33¾
Fluor Corp	42¾	42¾
Ford Motor	52	51¾
GTE Corp	36¾	36¾
Gannett	50¾	50¾
Gap Inc Del	31¾	32
Gen Cinema	35¾	35¾
Gen Dynamics	95¾	95¾
Gen Electric	95¾	95¾
Gen Mills	66¾	65¾
Gen Motors	44¾	44¾
Gen Reinsurance	118	117
Gen Signal	67¾	67¾
Genuine Parts	34¾	34¾
Georgia Pac	57¾	58¾
Gillette	53¾	54¾
Glaxo ADR	16¾	16¾
Goodrich (BF)	43	43¾
Goodyear Tire	41¾	42¾
Grace (W&R)	40¾	40¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	33¾	32¾
Great Wstn Fin	16¾	16¾
Halliburton	38¾	37¾
Heinz (HJ)	36¾	36¾
Hercules	78¾	77¾
Hershey Foods	47¾	47¾
Hewlett Packard	83¾	83¾
Hilton Hotels	45¾	46¾
Home Depot	43¾	43¾
Homestake Mng	19¾	18¾
Honeywell	36¾	36¾
Household Intl	67¾	68¾
Houston Inds	43¾	43½
Humana	10¾	10¾
ITT Corp	84	86¾
Illinois Tool	38¾	39¾
INCO	22¾	22¾
Ingersoll Rand	34¾	34½
Inland Steel	29	28¾
Intel Corp	57	56
IBM	49¾	50¾
Intl Flav & Fr	115¾	115¾
Intl Paper	62¾	64
James River Va	19¾	19¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41¾	41¾
K Mart	20¾	20¾
Kellogg	53¾	54¾
Kerr-McGee	49¾	49¾
Kimberly-Clark	49¾	50
Knight-Ridder	52½	52¾
Lilly (Eli)	49¾	49¾
Limited Inc	22	21½
LIN Brdcstng	99¾	99¾
Lincoln Nat	38¾	38¾
Litton	65¾	65¾
Liz Claiborne	30¾	30¾
Lockheed Corp	66¾	66¾
Louisiana Pac	30¾	31½
MCI Commun	56¾	56¾
Marriott	25¾	25¾
Marsh & McLnn	87¾	86¾
Masco Corp	30¾	30¾
May Dept St	38¾	38¾
Maytag Corp	15¾	15¾
McCaw Cellular	44¾	44¾
McDonalds	49¾	50
McDonnell D	74¾	74¾
McGraw Hill	59	59
Mead Corp	44¾	44¾
Medtronic	68¾	65¾
Mellon Bk	57¾	58¾
Melville Corp	45¾	45¾
Merck Inc	36¾	35¾
Merrill Lynch	80	80¾
Minnesota Mine	107¾	108
Mobil Corp	75¾	75¾
Monsanto	59¾	59¾
Morgan (JP)	67¾	67¾
Motorola Inc	87¾	88¾
Natl Medical	10¾	10¾
Natl Semi	16½	16¾
Natl Service Ind	25¾	25¾
Navistar Int C	2¾	2¾
NBD Bancorp	32¾	32¾
NY Times A	24¾	24¾
Newmont Mng	53¾	52¾
Niag Mohawk	24	24
Nike B	55¾	56¾
NL Industries	3¾	3¾
Nordstrom	28¾	28¾
Norfolk Sthn	64¾	64¾
Nthn State Pwr	46	46¾
Norwest Corp	27¾	27¾
Nynex Corp	89¾	89¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	24¾	24¾
Oracle Systems	47¾	48¾
Oryx Energy Co	30¾	30¾
Owens Corning	41¾	40¾
PNC Financial	31¾	32¾
PPG Industries	68¾	68¾
Paccar Inc	60¾	60¾
Pacificorp	19	18¾
Pac Enterprises	24¾	24¾
Pac Gas & Elect	33¾	33¾
Pac Telesis	48¾	48¾
Pall Corp	17¾	17¾
Panhandle East	24¾	24¾
Paramnt Comm	54½	55
Parker Hannifin	33¾	33¾
Penney (JC)	45¾	46¾
Pennzoil	63¾	64¾
Pepsico	36¾	36¾
Pfizer	68¾	68¾
Phelps Dodge	44¾	43¾
Philadel Elec	30¾	30¾
Philip Morris	49¾	49¾
Phillips Pet	28¾	29¾
Pitney Bowes	41½	41¾
Polaroid	37¾	38¾
Price Co	34	34¾
Primerica	52¾	52¾
Procter & Gmbl	51½	50¾
Pub Serv E & G	34¾	34¾
Quaker Oats	74¾	74¾
Ralston Purina	45¾	45¾
Raychem Corp	38¾	38
Raytheon	60¾	60¾
Reebok Intl	27¾	28¾
Reynolds Metals	46¾	45
Roadway Srvcs	57¾	58¾
Rockwell Intl	33¾	33¾
Rohm & Haas	54¾	54¾
Royal Dutch	93¾	93¾
Rubbermaid	29¾	29¾
Safeco Corp	58¾	58¾
St Paul's Cos	79¾	80¾
Salomon Inc	39¾	39¾
Santa Fe S Pac	17¾	17
Sara Lee Corp	24¾	24½
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Skyline Corp	16¾	16¾
Snap-On-Tools	38¾	38¾
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Sprint Corp	34¾	33¾
Stanley Works	40¾	39¾
Sun Company	24¾	24¾
Suntrust	47¾	47¾
Supervalu	34¾	33¾
Syntex Corp	18¾	18¾
Sysco Corp	25¾	25¾
TRW Inc	63½	63¾
Tandem Comp	12¾	12¾
Tandy Corp	29¾	29¾
Telecom Corp	4	4
Teledyne	20¾	20¾
Temple Inland	44¾	44¾
Tenneco	50¾	50¾
Texaco	63¾	64¾
Texas Inst	71½	71½
Texas Utilities	45¾	46
Textron	55¾	54¾
Time Warner	39¾	39¾
Times-Mirror	29¾	29¾
Timken	33¾	33¾
Torchmark	53¾	53¾
Toys R Us	36¾	36¾
Transamerica	53¾	53¾
Travelers Corp	32¾	32¾
Tribune	54¾	54¾
Tyco Labs	41	41½
UAL Corp	122¾	123
UST Inc	29¾	29¾
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	106¾	106¾
Union Camp	41½	42¾
Union Carbide	19¾	19
Union Pacific	61¾	61½
Unisys Corp	12¾	12¾
USAir Group	16	16
USF&G Corp	18¾	18¾
US Life	40¾	40¾
US West	45¾	45¾
United Tech	54¾	54¾
Unocal Corp	29¾	29¾
Upjohn	29¾	30
VF Corp	46¾	46¾
WMX Tech	33¾	33¾
Wal-Mart Stores	26¾	26¾
Warner-Lambert	71	71
Wells Fargo	110¾	111¾
Westinghouse El	15	15¼
Weyerhaeuser	41¾	42¾
Whirlpool	56	55¾
Whitman	13¼	13¾
Winn Dixie	56½	57¾
Woolworth	28	27¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34	34½
Xerox	80¾	80¾

Securicor groups raise dividends

By Colin Campbell

SECURICOR Group and its 50.75 per cent-owned Security Services achieved pre-tax profit increases of 27 per cent to £29 million and 37 per cent to £20.1 million, respectively, in the six months to end-March. That was achieved despite a lower profits contribution from Cellnet, in which the two have a 40 per cent stake.

Both companies, of which Peter Smith is chairman, are raising their interim dividends by 10 per cent — Securicor paying 0.732p out of net earnings of 14p a share and Services' 1.533p a share from net earnings of 12.2p a share.

The contribution from Cellnet was £21.4 million (£22.8 million), a profits dip that was attributed to one-off, but not detailed, launch costs of the Lifetime service.

The groups said that they remain pleased with their investment in Cellnet, while adding that that if a sensible offer was made for their 40 per cent stake, then it would be considered.

Securior said the acquisition of Federal Express helped turnover of the parcels division to rise 15 per cent, but added that the UK parcels market still suffers from overcapacity.

The groups are awaiting the outcome of tenders made for Manchester prison and both remain interested in any privatisation programmes by the government concerning Royal Mail parcels and post offices.

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Caledonia lifts off to pre-tax £36m

CALEDONIA Investments, in which the Cayzer family holds a 48 per cent stake, has boosted pre-tax profits by 38 per cent to £36 million in the year to end-March (£26.1 million) — the first year when the group had no dependence for any income on British & Commonwealth or any of its guarantors.

Income from trading activities rose from £6.9 million to £15.7 million, and now comprises 44 per cent of taxable profit.

This rise stems mainly from the inclusion of a nine-month contribution from Caledonia's 45 per cent interest in Bristow Helicopters and a first-time seven-month contribution from the 27 per cent stake in Exco International.

Caledonia says the arrival of opportunities to increase exposure to trading activities "is not predictable." Adjusted earnings per share have jumped from 24.1p to 26.9p, and the total dividend is 15p (14.4p) via a 10p final.

Surveyor sees signs of recovery in property

By Carl Mortished

DEBENHAM Tewson Chinnocks, the quoted surveyor, reflected the buoyant mood of property investors with a jump in pre-tax profits from £1.6 million to £2.9 million in the year to end-April.

But Richard Lay, chairman, is not popping the champagne corks yet. "It is too early to be euphoric," he said. "The property market is on the road to recovery. What we need to see now is an increase in demand for space."

DTC, which at the start of the year merged with Bernard Thorpe, a fellow surveyor, increased fee income from £34.8 million to £41 million.

Tight cost control enabled DTC's own business to boost operating profits 20 per cent to £2 million during the period, while Bernard Thorpe, whose profits are heavily weighted to the back end of the year, contributed £5.7 million in fee income for the three-month period and operating profits of £1 million.

Mr Lay said that he did not expect a recovery in rents to begin until next year, because that depended on increasing demand from industry for space.

"Currently, the demand for space is fairly muted," he said. "But the investment market has strengthened because investors are anticipating the recovery in rents."

Mr Lay added: "If previous recessions are any guide, it is not unrealistic to suppose that it will take up to 18 months from the beginning of the general economic recovery for companies to have the confidence to expand their space requirements and it is upon this that the property sector will depend for its recovery."

The merger enabled DTC to cut rental costs by housing their teams in single premises in London, Birmingham and Glasgow. Earnings per share rose from 2.76p to 5.13p and the dividend is up from 2.5p to 3p for the year. The shares rose 3p to 96p.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

MS INTNL (Fin)
Pre-tax:£460,000
EPS:1p (LPS:5.5p)
Div:1.5p, mkg 2.5p
Last time there was a £1.52 million loss. Last time's total dividend was 2.5p. Net cash balances of £0.43 million. Costbase reviewed.

DOMINO PRINTING (Int)
Pre-tax:£3.7m (£4.6m)
EPS:9.35p (11.46p)
Div:2.65p (2.40p)
Attempting increased market share in US. Euro markets a mixed picture. France good while Holland and German difficult.

BRITISH BIO-TECH (Fin)
Pre-tax:£13.1m loss.
LPS:37.5p (44.9p)
Div:No dividend
Drugs moving rapidly through clinical trials. Cash reserves of £50 million at year-end. Progress expected in current year.

HEAVITREE (Int)
Pre-tax:£401,000
EPS:3.2p (1.8p)
Div:0.6p (0.6p)
Profit last time was £232,000. Interest payments down to £197,000 (£309,000). Heavitree Inns set for full-year profit.

CAKEBREAD ROBEY (Fin)
Pre-tax:£2.2m loss.
LPS:32.5p (LPS 26.1p)
Div:No dividend
Last year's loss was £1.6 million. There was also no dividend last year. Turnover £20,008,000. (£22,928,000).

AUKETT ASSOCS (Int)
Pre-tax:£2.3m loss
LPS:16.91p (LPS 7.31p)
Div:No dividend
Loss last time was £1.1 million. No interim payout last time. Trading difficult, but signs encouraging.

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BAK IWAN BAK otherwise IWAN BAK late of 105 Burkland Court, Radford Nottingham died there on 16 January 1991 (Estate about £9,000)

ELVEY nee KEY, IDA ELVEY nee KEY WIDOW late of 63 Vancouver Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 died at Forest Hill SE23 on 20 December 1991 (Estate about £60,000)

JOHNSON, ELIZABETH JOHNSON SPINSTER late of 66 Roydwood Terrace, Bradford, West Yorkshire died at Keighley, West Yorkshire on 28 January 1993 (Estate about £20,000)

MONTANO BERTHA AMELIA MONTANO otherwise BERTHA MONTANO SPINSTER late of 68 Ufford Close, Tudway Road, Kidbrooke London SE3 died at Greenwich London SE10 on 6 October 1992 (Estate about £7,500)

PENNY, FREDERICK JAMES PENNY late of 13, Folkestone Road, Swindon, Wiltshire died at Swindon on 15 January 1993 (Estate about £5,000)

PLATT DENNIS ALFRED PLATT otherwise DENIS ALBERT PLATT otherwise DENIS PLATT late of 6 Rolls Park Avenue, Chingford, London E4 died at Hackney, London E8 on 6 July 1992 (Estate about £49,000)

PRICE, RAYMOND JOHN PRICE late of 29 Bridge Road, Park Gate Hampshire died at Bridport, Dorset on or about 13 April 1992 (Estate about £55,000)

The kin of the above named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

SHENSTONE, nee TROTTER, OLIVE SHENSTONE nee TROTTER late of 29 Forest Grove, Hackney, London E8 died at Hackney E8 on 23 March 1992 (Estate about £40,000)

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PYRAMID GROUP PLC
Registered number: 643649. Nature of business: Local Authority Publishing. Trade classification 10. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 23 June 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Standard Chartered Bank. Joint Administrative Receivers: J. A. Talbot and A. D. Lewis (office holder nos. 2731 and 5716) of Arthur Andersen, P O Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
R Hine Developments Limited
Registered Number: 2468091. Trading Name: R Hine Developments Limited. Nature of Business: Land House & Property Development. Trade Classification: 35. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver: 21 June 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver: Dunbar Bank plc. Office Holder No: 2346. Administrative Receiver: I D Holland Pitman Cohen Great Central House Station Approach South Ruislip Middlesex HA4 0JA

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN BANKRUPTCY
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No 1370/92
RE. NICHOLAS BALL
THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Richard William James Long of Robson Rhodes of 186, City Road, London EC1V 2NU has been duly appointed as trustee of the estate of the above named bankrupt with effect from 15 June 1993.
Dated 7 June 1993
On behalf of the Secretary of State

W H HOULDERSHAW LTD
Registered number: 263128. Nature of business: Printers and Bookbinders. Trade classification: 10. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 23 June 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Standard Chartered Bank. Joint Administrative Receivers: J A Talbot and A D Lewis (office holder nos. 2731 and 5716) of Arthur Andersen P O Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT.

DACA Computer Services Limited
- In Administrative Receivership -
Registered Number: 2536126
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on 5 August 1993 at 11.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 4 August 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Malcolm Cohen
Joint Administrative Receiver

MILNROW GLAZING CO LTD
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester on Monday the 5th day of July 1993 at 12.00 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Stephen Lord of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonable require.
Dated this 23rd day of June 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
W A Warburton, DIRECTOR.

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IN THE MATTER OF MERCANTILE HOUSE 105 LEASING LIMITED AND CSB (OVERSEAS HOLDINGS) LIMITED
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that Stephen James Lister Adamson and Gareth Howard Hughes of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU were appointed liquidators of the above companies by the members on 21 June 1993.
Dated this 21st day of June 1993
S J L Adamson, Joint Liquidator

E Sabilly & Sons (Civil Eng) Ltd
Registered Number: 1377188. Nature of Business: Civil Engineers. Trade Classification: 23. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 22 June 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: D J Buchler & I P Phillips (office holder nos. 3134 & 2636) of: Buchler Phillips & Co. 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
DESKTOP REPRO LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 14th July 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 24th day of June 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R. COURT, DIRECTOR.

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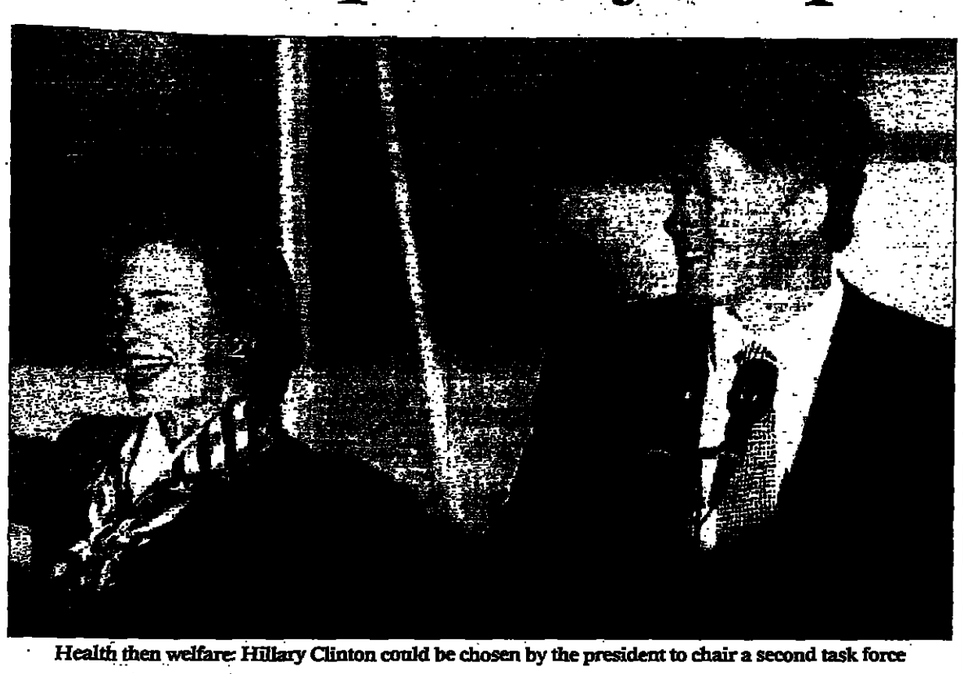
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AGELESS SYSTEMS LIMITED
Trading Name: "Sunshine Garden Buildings"
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 23rd day of June 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
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Clinton aims to boost jobs and beat the poverty trap

The president is out to crack the link between health care, handouts and institutionalised unemployment, writes Wolfgang Münchau



Health then welfare: Hillary Clinton could be chosen by the president to chair a second task force

With Friday's narrow Senate vote for President Clinton's economic plan, the voodoo years are about to end, and for this alone the plan deserves high credit. The programme still has to go through a joint Senate and House of Representatives conference, but, barring a last-minute upheaval, one can now hope that the US will cut its deficit by about $500 billion. It is the start of a long-overdue reversal in fiscal policy.

Important though all this may be, the plan will not, on its own, reverse the *deep structural malaise* of the economy. This has nothing to do with the debate raging in America about whether Mr Clinton's plan has too many tax *rises and too few spending* cuts, or vice versa. That debate is about wealth distribution, and is a mainly domestic concern. The real reason is that the budget deficit will rise one way or another because of unlucky demographics and a health care system out of control. Unless these issues are dealt with directly, the best that Mr Clinton's economic programme, or anyone else's, could achieve is to delay Armageddon for five years. Moreover, to deal with those issues directly means getting one's presidential hands dirty.

It is therefore best to think of Mr Clinton's economic programme as the first step in a three-step, comprehensive reform of America's social and economic structures. The macroeconomic part — in many respects, the easy bit — has been more or less accomplished. The other two are health care and welfare reform. A task force on health care reform, chaired by Hillary Rodham Clinton, has already completed its work, and once the budget is finally approved, the president will introduce his legislative agenda for the health sector. Later this year, or perhaps next, there will be another task force, this time on welfare reform and probably chaired by Mrs Clinton, since "my wife is very interested in this because it affects children," as the president put it.

Health care and welfare reform have much in common. The need for health care reform in America is obvious. About 34 million Americans are uninsured, which means that government is picking up the medical tab through two publicly funded programmes, Medicaid for the poor and Medicare for the elderly. Hence, increases in poverty and in the number of pensioners have a direct impact on mandatory government spending and thus on the deficit. The ten-year deficit chart shows that unless health care insurance is made universal and unless health costs are controlled, the budget deficit is set to rise again from 1997 onward, even under Mr Clinton's economic plan.

However, the complex issue of health care reform, which is likely to lead to huge new taxes and possibly cost control for medical goods and services, is not nearly as contentious as reform of the welfare system.

Cost is one factor, especially when budgets are strained, but it is not the real issue. What matters much more are the structural and economic issues arising from welfare dependency. Specifically, to what degree is the welfare state responsible for increasing structural unemployment, and, especially, for the phenomenon that each recession leaves a higher level of unemployment than the previous one? A frequently quoted example in America in support of such a link is the welfare/healthcare poverty trap. The poverty trap is greatest under the federal government's main welfare programme, Aid for Families with Dependent Children, which involves 4.8 million families and costs $25 billion a year. Many recipients are single mothers, of whom a third have been in the scheme for eight or more years, trapped in a system of negative incentives. The system discourages returning to work and discourages saving. It encourages having children, but discourages marriage.

Worst of all, it discourages work because families would lose health cover under the Medicaid scheme once in a job. In most cases, welfare recipients would be worse off if they took a job, unless it pays significantly more than the legal minimum wage.

Without the trap, welfare reformers argue, unemployment would go back to being the lack of a job, rather than a condition resulting from pursuit of economic gain.

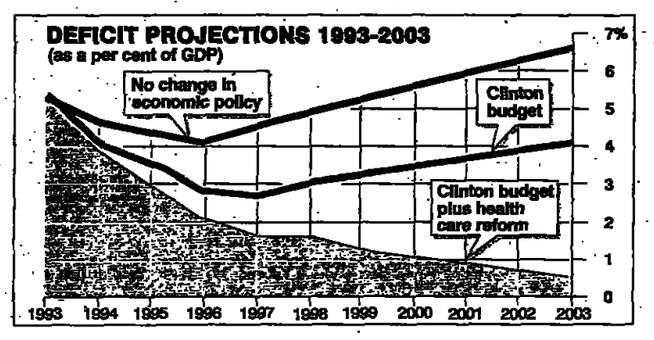
However, elimination of poverty traps alone is not what Mr Clinton has in mind when he promises "to end welfare as we know it". In broad terms, the aim of such a policy is to make work more attractive, and welfare less attractive. First, health reform must provide an umbrella for all Americans, including those without insurance, so that health costs no longer play a role in an individual's work/welfare trade-off. Second, the president favours low income tax credits. Third, and most controversially, Mr Clinton wants to limit welfare to two years. After that, recipients will have to switch to workfare, variously described as "public service" or as "forced labour".

This would affect, on present calculations, about 1.5 million Americans, and, in the short run, is going to cost billions of dollars more than it is supposed to save through lower welfare handouts. One way to limit the cost would be to select a series of states for a study, rather than introducing workfare nationally. Few states appear keener than California, which has some experience with workfare; Pete Wilson, the Republican governor, is an enthusiastic supporter of the concept. However, the politics of welfare reform will be treacherous for a Democratic president. Democrats have just voted for the biggest spending cuts and largest tax rise in American history, and will need time to recover from this electorally. Later this year, or next, they will be called upon to support health care reform, which is popular among the electorate in principle, but may not remain so once they are handed the bill. There are many who warn against overstretching Democratic legislators' political nerve. Given the deep-seated hostility towards workfare in some sections of the Democratic Party, Mr Clinton will almost certainly need Republican support for his scheme.

That, by itself, should pose few problems, since Republicans have favoured welfare reform more than Democrats have. The 1988 Family Support Act, involving extra family support in return for a commitment by the recipient to undergo training, was a step towards value-for-money welfare. Workfare, however, will be in a different league. It is popular with the middle classes, who suspect that their taxes are being wasted, but President Bush ran an election campaign on a welfare reform ticket, and lost.

Workfare and welfare reform, if handled properly, could be Mr Clinton's lasting achievement. If not, they could split the Democratic party permanently into old-style liberals and so-called New Democrats. With these dangers in mind, it is no wonder that the president has chosen to go for budget reform first, to be followed by health reform, and then to turn his attention towards welfare reform.

Whatever one thinks of Mr Clinton's plans, the determination with which Americans tackle and debate these difficult issues is in sharp contrast to Europe's lamentable inaction on almost every aspect of economic and social policy. America may have given up leadership in foreign affairs, as a senior administration official admitted recently, but on economic and social policy, it is, beyond doubt, leading.



TEMPUS

All for price of a local call

THE BT3 publicity bandwagon rolled on yesterday, unveiling a 10p discount for investors in the UK public offer. Given that this would only buy a two-minute peak rate local telephone call, this hardly seems generous. Moreover, it compares unfavourably with the incentives attached to earlier BT share sales, and is substantially lower than the 15p many analysts originally expected.

A benign observer would perhaps conclude that the discount had been scaled back in response to criticisms of the generosity of other government share sales. The more cynical might suggest Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, simply needs every penny he can get.

The pricing of the offer will probably deter many private investors. The number of new registrations so far is well below the 4.5 million who lined up for BT2, and a discount at this level is unlikely to open the floodgates. It will also reduce the after-market price — there can be few people willing to punt in BT for the price of a local call. But for the long-term investor the offer looks more attractive.

While the main influence for potential shareholders in previous government sales has been the prospect of capital gain, BT3's appeal is based on yield. For the first time in such a sale, the prospective yield is higher than building society deposit rates. On a fully-paid basis the shares carry a prospective gross yield of 5 per cent. However, taking into account the discount and the partly-paid element of the shares, the return over the first 12 months exceeds 19 per cent.

Although this is no government giveaway, the shares are worth holding over the longer-term.

United News

THERE is a degree of opportunism about United Newspaper's rights issue, which certainly took the market by surprise yesterday. But that does not mean the fund-raising exercise is without merit.

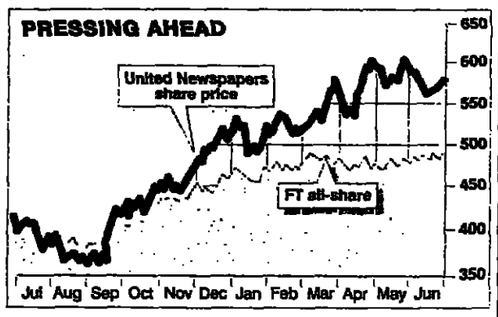
Indeed, the timing is probably sensible. The shares have outperformed the market in recent months and now trade on a decent rating as investors have grown confident that rationalisation and an upturn in advertising will produce substantial earnings growth. The benefits are already apparent — last year, the group achieved a 14 per cent increase in operating profit on almost static turnover.

There are also a number of acquisition opportunities United would like to take advantage of but have been unable to do so given the high level of gearing. The rights issue proceeds will reduce gearing from 185 per cent to about 34 per cent.

But this is no rescue rights issue. Interest cover stands at a comfortable 5.4 times, while the group would probably have been cash generative this year even without yesterday's cash call.

Although United does not have an impeccable track record on acquisitions, its planned expansion in America and the Far East is nonetheless a sound strategy, providing a solid platform for growth.

With such a deep discount on the rights issue price, shareholders should take up their rights.



Ferranti

IT IS difficult not to feel sorry for Eugene Anderson, chairman of Ferranti, the fraud-hit defence group, since the enormities of the merger with International Signal became apparent.

He knew when he took over in 1989 that Ferranti, once one of Britain's big three electronics groups, was in need of corporate intensive care, but he could not possibly have foreseen the impact that the rapid end to the cold war would have on the defence industry nor the severity of the recession in America and Britain, Ferranti's main markets.

Despite all that, he has done to clean up Ferranti — bank debt has been cut from £700 million to £100 million and all the black holes have been filled in — a return to profit has eluded Mr Anderson, thereby removing the possibility of a cash call and forcing the group to fish around for a strategic partner.

Ferranti needs a cash injection to wipe out delayed creditors payments of £19 million and reduce debts of £90.6 million. Mr Anderson says Ferranti could survive without such an injection. But a stronger balance sheet seems necessary to break the vicious circle of financial weakness and a lack of orders.

BAT

BAT'S cigarette brands swap with tobacco giant American Brands makes lots of commercial sense, while the receipt of £135 million for businesses that generated trading profits of £8 million, to give an exit trading p/e of nearly 17 times, will be useful financial muscle to be used to drive down further the group's 42 per cent gearing.

But for the concerns about the cigarette price war in America, BAT's shares would have responded more positively yesterday. However, they gave up 7p at 421½p, and will remain nervous ahead of interim results, due on July 28. BAT's American division has already indicated a $75 million trading profits setback.

BAT is, however, still dedicated to making dividend increases that are substantially in excess of the rate of inflation, and another respectable payment next month is assured. Interim pre-tax profits will be helped by the immediate accounting of yesterday's £135 million swap proceeds, and any further price weakness should be taken as a buying opportunity.

Granada

CARLTON has a chunk of Central, Central a slice of Meridian. LWT has some of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, and now Granada a bit of LWT. Such daisy-chains are the next best thing to a full bid, still largely forbidden in TV. The fun comes when the government, as surely it must, scraps the restrictions and the gloves come off. The companies are already jockeying for position, as witness yesterday's Granada raid on LWT. As and when they are allowed hostile bids, the only true certainty is that the first defence document from one of the big players now demanding a free market will make great play of the need for government intervention to maintain media independence.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Weighty poser of BT offer

KENNETH Clarke, the Chancellor, neatly sidestepped the question of whether he likes Inspector Morose — the character played by Mel Smith, the comedian, in the dire BT3 advertising campaign. "I never watch television", he said. But Clarke, who turned up at the £500,000 share launch wearing brown suede shoes, is clearly better versed in avoiding tricky questions than observing the strict City "no brown in town" code. He said he was told "by those who do watch television that it has been a very successful promotion". There is no question that the promotion will benefit the Royal Mail. Greig Middleton, one of the 130 brokers handling the share issue, claims the 12,000 prospectuses it is mailing weigh 1.6 tonnes. Pity the postmen contending with Sharelink's postbag, which is said to contain at least 110,000 prospectuses. All in all, 2,300 tonnes of paper and nine tonnes of ink have been used in the BT3 share offer, SG Warburg claims.

Batting for charity

VICTOR Blank, the cricket-loving chairman of Charterhouse, has again gone in to bat for charity with a display of "celebrity cricket" at his Oxfordshire home over the weekend that "put the current England team to shame". The fifth annual match, which raised £160,000 towards Birthright's research into premature births, gave Virgin's Richard Branson, Argyll's Sir Alistair Grant, Hillsdown Holdings' Sir Harry Solomon, WPP's Martin Sorrell and Kingfisher's Nigel Whittaker the chance to play against and alongside some of the game's biggest stars, past and present, who between them have played well over 600 Test matches. "It was amusing watching Nigel Whittaker hitting Shane Warner, the Australian who has been terrorising England, around the pitch," laughed Blank, who himself managed to bowl Clive Lloyd, the West Indies captain. Beaten last year by broadcaster Sir David Frost's team, Blank also got his revenge with a final score of 184 runs for seven wickets against his rival's 168 for 6. Sir Alistair, on Blank's team, scored a magnificent 28 runs and was given the best batsman award by Sir David.

Financial trivia

HUNDREDS of City whiz-kids surprised the organisers of the annual NSPCC and Norwood Child Care charity City Breakfast yesterday by displaying a rather perturbing ignorance of financial trivia. Only half knew that Sir Francis McWilliams is the Lord Mayor of London, while 53 per cent could name Rothschilds as the site of daily gold price fixing. Perhaps not so surprisingly, only 1 per cent knew what cremetophobia was: the morbid fear of money.



Team leader: Frost

Eye for an order

SUCCESSFUL defence contracting means being all things to all men, at least according to Eugene Anderson, the chairman of Ferranti, who bemoaned the absence of a big order that could have helped push the group into profit last year. He singled out the potential Delmon Eye order from Bahrain for an air defence system, which may still come but was not placed last year as Ferranti had hoped. "Would it be a very profitable order?" asked one observer. "It has a very slim and conservative margin," replied Anderson, no doubt for the benefit of the Arabs, before adding, "which will do great things for us".

THE Enlightened Tobacco Company, a marketer that highlights the dangers of smoking with its Death brand of cigarettes, is looking for investors via a tax-saving business expansion scheme. Its cigarettes, emblazoned with skull and crossbones, are aimed at smokers who want to show they are "fully aware of the inherent risks of smoking but don't care". Shares priced at 100p each are to raise up to £850,000.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

LETTERS TO BUSINESS

Leaseholders' enfranchisement

From Lord Coleraine

Sir, Sara McConnell, reporting in Weekend Money (June 19), draws attention to last minute changes to the Leasehold Reform Bill, which were moved by amendment in the Lords and accepted by the government. These will disqualify a number of flat-owners from enfranchisement, and the incidence of disqualification is likely to be relatively greatest in central London.

What your reporter has failed to comment on is the fact that it will not be enough for half the tenants wishing to participate in enfranchisement simply to have "lived" in their flats for specified periods. Half the tenants will each have actually had to "occupy" (a word with a restricted legal meaning) his flat "as his only or principal home".

Many people whose homes are in the country have London flats because they work in London during the week. By this fact, they may disqualify themselves and the other flat owners in their block of flats or converted house from enfranchisement.

Given the influences brought to bear, both inside and outside Parliament, during the passage of the Bill through the Lords, it is not suprising that the government found it politically impossible not to make concessions to those who dance to the same tune as the great London freeholders. The claim was made on behalf of the London freehold estates that the absence of a residence qualification would have been in breach of Conservative manifesto at the last general election. What is ironic is that although the careless drafting of the manifesto gave rise to a thin but arguable case for the inclusion of a residence qualification, the restrictive provision actually added to the bill went far beyond any qualification which the wording of the manifesto could be claimed to have justified.

The government, before the election, in pamphlets issued by the Department of the Environment and Welsh Office, in July 1991 and in March 1992, immediately before the dissolution of Parliament, had made it abundantly clear that there would be no residence qualification at all attaching to the right to enfranchise.

In fact, the manifesto spoke not of leasehold enfranchisement but of the introduction of "commonhold legislation, giving residential leaseholders living in blocks of flats the right to acquire the freehold of their blocks". At no time was there any manifesto or other commitment requiring "residence" to mean "occupation" of a flat as "an only or principal home".

Yours faithfully,
COLERAINE,
House of Lords, SW1.

Adding it up

From Mr John Locke

Sir, Simon Baggott (June 24) has his sums wrong. Real interest is: 100 x (100 + % national rate of interest) divided by (100 + % rate of inflation) *minus 100. Simply taking the rate of interest less the rate of* inflation overstates real interest slightly. The main problem with his calculation is that, for the rate of inflation, he uses the headline rate. This includes mortgage interest. This could produce a rise in the real rate of interest, when the only reason for the decline in inflation was the reduction in mortgage rates. This is wrong.

Further, the real rate of interest must use average nominal interest rates for the same period as the inflation index, ie 12 months, and on this basis a fairly high figure is produced. In deciding on the appropriate level of current nominal interest rates, such an out-of-date measure is useless. Over the past few months, real interest rates (before tax) computed on a three-month basis have been at a high level, but as inflation stabilises they will fall to about 3 per cent (based on a nominal rate of 6 per cent). Including tax at even 25 per cent, gives a real net rate of only 1.5 per cent. Since further falls in inflation are uncertain, further reductions in nominal rates would result in real interest after tax being negative.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN LOCKE,
34 Cranbrook Road, Bristol.

Bankruptcy best

From Mr R. Micklethwait

Sir, Peter Taylor's letter (June 25) promotes Lloyd's Hardship scheme in favour of bankruptcy. What he did not say is that the name has to accept that he is liable for all Lloyd's losses, which presumably means that no member of an action group believes he has a case as he has to surrender all his rights.

It is also necessary to inform Lloyd's of your financial affairs in detail. Names who distrust the management of Lloyd's may find giving such information to the hardship committee unacceptable.

The hardship committee is a scheme to keep the name in the Lloyd's "net". Bankruptcy is the only way of totally escaping demands of Lloyd's, which may reach up to and beyond the grave.

I favour bankruptcy.

Yours faithfully,
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UK Income	123.90	131.90	-0.10	4.13
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	86.50	92.52	-0.78	0.99
Growth	44.24	47.32	-0.08	2.83
Income	54.24	58.01	+0.01	4.14
Far East	48.48	51.85	-0.87	..

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
North American	87.69	94.29	+1.92	...
Global	86.17	92.16	+0.23	0.86
European	70.66	75.54	+0.58	1.02
Japan	113.10	121.00	-2.90	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.63	63.19	-0.39	5.07
UK Cap Gwth	80.36	85.95	-0.19	1.96
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	131.80	140.30	+1.10	0.22
-do- Acc	140.10	149.10	+1.20	0.22
European	66.40	70.30	+0.23	0.76
-do- Acc	68.82	72.86	+0.24	0.76
Far East Genl	65.68	69.88	-1.23	...
-do- Acc	65.68	69.88	-1.23	...
Glenfriars	259.50	276.10	+0.60	0.67
-do- Acc	292.20	310.90	+0.70	0.67
Growth	382.70	409.40	-0.60	2.21
-do- Acc	655.10	700.70	-1.20	2.23
Income Growth	378.40	402.60	-0.40	3.78
-do- Acc	503.10	535.30	-0.80	3.78
Master Portfolio	9637.0	9978.0	-19.00	2.20
-do- Acc	11153.0	11548.0	-22.00	2.20
Special Sits	87.24	92.81	-0.99	2.21
-do- Acc	102.09	108.61	-1.16	2.21
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1203.0	1241.0†	-1.00	4.34
-do- Acc	1420.0	1464.0	-1.00	4.34
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	195.00	207.80	+0.90	1.59
Capital	536.60	572.80	-1.90	2.37
Eurotrack 100	131.10	139.60	...	1.48
Euro Gth	81.40	86.79	+0.38	1.30
Far East Growth	92.31	98.72	-1.98	0.07
Global Bond	24.17	25.48	-0.01	6.47
Hong Kong	83.36	88.96	-0.43	0.77
Income	503.00	536.80	-0.90	3.93
Intl Growth	74.11	79.09†	-0.49	0.96
Japan Growth	271.00	289.20	-8.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.87	37.21	-0.80	...
Japan Index	80.06	85.44	-2.50	0.23
Nth American	443.50	473.30	+3.70	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	54.98	58.67†	+1.41	...
The Pounds Fd	107.00	112.90†	-0.50	2.72
Tiger Index	142.30	151.70	-1.20	0.61
Triple Index	106.60	113.70	+0.10	2.52
UK Index	124.80	133.10	-0.40	3.01
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	84.05	89.75†	-0.62	1.00
European P folio	72.50	77.19	-0.17	1.38
Japanese P folio	65.54	69.64	-2.31	...
Pacific P folio	101.20	108.82†	-0.31	1.07
Cazenove P folio	72.04	77.05	-0.19	3.00
UK Income Gth	64.02	68.73	+0.19	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.46	51.13	+0.19	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	...	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	...	9.42
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	598.50	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.45	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.90	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.82	65.07	...	2.26
Beckman Intl	83.37	87.99	...	3.01
Friars Hse Inc	177.91	191.30†	...	6.09
Friars Hse Cap	251.08	269.98	...	2.70
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	36.19	38.50	+0.04	1.83
-do- Acc	40.77	43.37	+0.05	1.83
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	57.55	61.55	-0.09	0.22
-do- Acc	59.95	64.12	-0.10	0.22
Quilter	122.02	130.87	-0.44	2.50
-do- Acc	136.63	145.35	-0.48	2.50
Quilter Income	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.43	92.43	+0.01	5.02
-do- Acc	92.43	92.43	+0.01	5.02
Fixed Conv	41.01	43.63†	...	6.72
-do- Acc	108.33	115.24	...	6.72
Equity Income	143.95	153.12	-0.35	3.67
-do- Acc	462.01	491.50	-1.11	3.67
Preference	48.39	51.48	+0.04	7.02
-do- Acc	248.27	264.12	+0.23	7.02
PPT Europe	150.28	159.87	+1.07	1.05
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.50	50.53	-0.30	7.89
PPT Global Bond	86.19	91.61	-0.02	5.54
PPT Gold Com	59.92	63.74	-0.17	...
PPT Oriental Gth	56.19	59.78	-0.51	0.26
PPT Far East Gth	107.04	113.87	-1.74	0.11
PPT High Yield	115.95	123.35	-0.37	4.57
-do- Acc	446.09	474.56	-1.40	4.57
PPT Managed	62.12	66.09	-0.13	3.15
-do- Acc	75.88	80.72	-0.17	3.15
PPT UK General	68.41	72.78	-0.23	2.53
-do- Acc	83.01	88.31	-0.29	2.53
PPT Japan	118.36	125.91	-3.47	...
PPT N Amer	150.17	159.76	+1.31	0.06
PPT UK Gth	118.52	126.09	-0.35	2.03
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	83.06	88.36	-0.83	0.90
Japanese Acc	62.97	66.99	-2.32	...
UK Balncd Inc	127.20	135.30†	+0.20	2.48
-do- Acc	150.00	159.60†	+0.30	2.48
UK Growth Acc	208.10	221.40†	...	2.18
UK High Inc	133.20	141.80†	-0.40	6.70
-do- Acc	161.20	171.60†	-0.50	6.70
N America Acc	113.90	121.20	+0.50	.32
European Acc	155.70	165.60	+0.40	0.42
UK Fxd Fri Inc	60.20	63.96†	+0.05	8.84
-do- Acc	98.91	104.90†	+0.10	8.84
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.43	51.52	-0.74	0.22
Environmntl Opp	71.46	76.02	-0.02	1.72
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	113.10	120.20	+0.90	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	202.00	214.60†	+0.80	1.16
Eurofund	37.64	39.84	+0.09	1.00
Mngd Exempt	167.00	174.10	-0.10	3.02
Growth Inc	215.30	228.80	-0.20	3.72
High Dist	141.70	150.60†	-0.10	5.15
International	322.50	342.70	-1.40	0.95
Intl Income	81.10	86.57	+0.09	3.00
Pacific	58.92	62.60	-0.40	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	72.00	76.50	-1.74	...
Tokyo	205.40	218.20	-6.00	...
Japan Exempt	116.10	119.20	-3.90	0.42

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sm Jap Exempt	586.20	602.40	-11.60	0.08
Equity Income	121.20	128.80†	-0.30	3.96
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	...	...	...	...
Australia	6.733	7.180	-0.012	1.10
Euro Spec Sits	140.10	148.10†	+0.20	0.33
Financial	41.33	43.91	+0.11	2.72
Global Opps Inc	89.43	95.02	-0.04	2.10
-do- Acc	92.69	98.48	-0.06	2.10
Gold Gen Inc	51.73	54.98	+0.01	0.78
-do- Acc	99.33	105.50	...	0.78
Income	...	...	...	...
Japan General	159.90	169.90	-4.70	...
Preference	22.02	23.40	-0.08	7.76
UK Capital	103.80	110.30	-0.30	3.06
Worldwide Cap	198.50	210.90	-0.80	3.04
World Income	85.34	90.67	-0.16	3.27
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7281				
Endurance	177.60	188.00	...	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 434080				
Pelican	105.82	111.39	-0.39	3.12
High Income	120.56	126.91	-0.43	4.66
Tst of Inv Tsts	149.40	157.26	-0.25	1.89
Special Sits	86.30	90.84	-0.37	2.37
North American	103.66	109.12	+0.17	0.85
Far Eastern	246.70	259.68	-3.55	1.60
Intl Growth	95.37	100.39	-0.80	1.28
European	62.87	66.18†	-0.36	2.21
Smaller Cos	70.13	73.82†	-0.12	2.10
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 787				
United Charities	219.40	233.40	...	3.34
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414161				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	121.70	129.40	+0.70	...
High Income	25.38	26.92†	+0.05	5.53
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	92.86	98.26	+0.29	0.75
Far Eastern	137.50	147.20	-2.60	...
O'seas Income	88.51	95.07†	-0.07	2.25
UK Growth	95.09	101.70	+0.20	0.95
UK Income	100.30	107.30†	...	3.23
US Smaller Cos	202.50	220.10	+0.40	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	49.32	52.49	+0.43	...
-do- Acc	49.32	52.49	+0.43	...
Am Smllr Co	430.70	460.50	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	440.00	470.50	+2.00	...
Capital	292.50	311.10	+0.30	2.01
-do- Acc	407.30	433.20	+0.40	2.01
Cond Smllr Cos	47.32	50.89†	+0.38	0.52
-do- Acc	49.47	53.20†	+0.41	0.52
Convertible	114.80	122.10	...	5.81
-do- Acc	218.00	231.80	...	5.81
Emg Mark	52.73	56.33	-0.34	...
-do- Acc	52.73	56.33	-0.34	...
European	94.32	100.60†	+0.50	1.02
-do- Acc	98.32	104.90†	+0.60	1.02
Extra Income	297.80	316.70	-0.30	4.00
-do- Acc	417.00	443.50	-0.40	4.00
Financial	106.10	113.90	+0.40	0.63
-do- Acc	111.10	119.20	+0.40	0.63
Gilt Gth Tst	62.64	64.59	-0.28	6.79
-do- Acc	80.94	83.46	-0.36	6.79
Health Fund Inc	118.30	126.30	...	...
-do- Acc	118.30	126.30	...	...
Income Tst	180.80	192.30†	-0.20	3.80
-do- Acc	256.20	272.50†	-0.20	3.80
Intl Growth	319.50	341.50	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	354.80	379.30	+0.70	...
Japan Gen	180.70	192.60	-4.30	...
-do- Acc	182.50	194.60	-4.40	...
Mngd P folio Inc	91.25	96.05	-0.08	0.85
-do- Acc	95.95	101.00	...	0.85
Monthly Income	154.10	163.00	-0.10	3.91
Qrtly Inc	49.56	52.71†	-0.03	5.78
-do- Acc	49.68	52.84†	-0.05	5.78
Recovery	294.90	313.30	-0.50	0.71
-do- Acc	345.40	369.30	-0.50	0.71
UK Growth	47.10	50.32	-0.09	2.56
-do- Acc	47.10	50.32	-0.09	2.56
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	348.77	371.03†	-0.40	2.69
-do- Acc	712.19	757.65†	-0.81	2.69
Euro Gth Dist	108.61	113.41	+0.18	0.88
-do- Acc	109.78	116.79	+0.18	0.88
Fixed Int Dist	131.64	139.24†	+0.15	6.27
-do- Acc	222.60	235.46†	+0.24	6.27
Intl Gth Dist	77.52	82.49†	-0.87	0.75
-do- Acc	80.47	85.61†	-0.70	0.75
Nth Amer Dist	171.25	181.41	+0.46	0.88
-do- Acc	185.71	196.73	+0.49	0.88
Pac Basin Dist	248.11	263.95	-4.66	0.13
-do- Acc	252.03	268.12	-4.73	0.13
Stewardship Dist	302.77	322.10†	+0.12	1.74
-do- Acc	361.00	384.07†	+0.13	1.74
Stwd Inc Dist	64.47	68.59†	...	3.17
-do- Acc	79.77	84.86†	...	3.17
N Am Stwd Dist	98.63	104.93	+0.21	...
-do- Acc	104.34	111.00	+0.22	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dlng: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	139.30	149.00	+0.70	...
European	410.10	435.30	+1.80	0.97
Far East General	227.00	242.20	-2.30	0.30
Germany	96.32	102.10	-0.90	0.45
Global Assets In	69.47	74.19	+0.15	2.17
Global Assets Ac	73.46	78.44	+0.15	2.12
Income Inc	124.20	133.40	...	6.60
International	275.00	294.20	+1.30	0.95
Intl Income	76.85	81.84†	+0.37	4.87
Japan General	375.50	399.20	-8.03	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.05	50.32	-0.06	6.04
UK Capital Inc	169.40	181.20	-0.60	3.81
-do- Acc	289.70	309.90	-0.80	3.62
Uk Spec Sits	78.54	84.00	-0.08	1.51
US General	118.70	126.40	+2.30	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	117.80	125.80	-0.10	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.52	47.62	-0.29	1.43
Cash Trust*	129.17	129.17	+0.02	4.95
Fract Inv Inc	104.66	112.24	-0.05	4.09
-do- Acc	224.68	240.94	-0.06	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	106.50	114.21	+0.39	0.83
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.29	27.05	-1.00	8.56
High Inc	31.92	34.14†	-0.03	4.80
UK Equity Inc	129.56	138.57	-0.11	3.89
Global Bond	30.00	31.08†	-0.02	4.63
International Funds				
Gold Intl	86.71	92.99†	+0.78	0.72
Frontier Markets	43.63	45.73	+0.14	0.48
Global Inc Gth	120.59	128.64	+0.15	1.91
UK Intl	114.42	122.37†	+0.27	0.24
Overseas Funds				
American	131.02	139.99†	+1.51	0.47

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	81.41	86.36	+0.38	0.63
Euro Sel Opps	96.21	102.71	+0.88	0.65
American Emerg	81.91	87.84	+0.74	...
Hong Kong	117.29	125.78	-1.03	1.98
Japan	227.38	241.39	-6.10	...
Pacific Growth	159.35	170.89†	-0.88	0.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 8526				
Intl Growth	127.37	136.22	-0.76	0.37
American Gth	128.08	138.05	+1.59	...
European Gth	66.42	70.99	+0.20	0.62
Japan Gth	79.29	84.80	-2.73	...
Pacific Inc	144.73	154.80	-2.85	2.85
Pacific Strategy	125.49	134.21	-1.30	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.80	75.73†	+0.54	4.61
Gt Britain Cos	47.54	50.22†	+0.04	2.70
UK Small Cos	46.75	50.00	+0.09	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 34 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.50	131.50	...	4.76
Gilt Fixed	123.00	130.60	+0.20	5.99
Growth Equity	290.80	310.60†	-1.20	2.14
Guardhill	431.30	460.70	-2.20	2.19
Income Trust	109.70	117.10†	-0.40	3.04
International	158.10	168.90	-1.40	0.36
Japan Trust	124.30	132.70	-4.90	...
Nth American	257.40	274.90	+0.80	0.47
Pacific	375.10	400.70	-2.40	...
European	339.10	362.20†	+2.40	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	35.64	37.78	+0.10	1.66
-do- Acc	37.30	39.54	+0.10	1.66
Inc Adv Inc	29.41	31.18†	...	4.04
-do- Acc	30.85	32.71	...	4.04
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	83.33	89.27	-0.07	1.15
Equity Income	112.20	119.40†	-0.53	3.46
European	131.90	139.60	+0.40	1.21
Intl Situation	74.76	79.53†	-1.38	...
Japanese	142.30	150.90	-5.50	...
North American	97.36	103.30†	-0.70	...
Scandinavian	112.10	118.90	+3.00	0.01
Smaller Cos	30.62	32.57	...	2.03
HENDERSON PO Box 2357, Kings House, 181-185 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	89.43	95.60	+1.05	...
Asian Enterprise	130.22	139.24†	+0.20	0.73
Australian	136.88	146.32	-1.27	1.24
European	368.48	390.13	+2.21	1.30
European Inc	71.37	75.50	+0.60	2.71
Euro Sml Co	116.89	125.03	-1.10	0.61
Extra Income	258.79	275.50†	-0.19	4.84
Family of Funds	71.21	76.05	+0.08	1.01
Fixed Interest	55.56	59.42†	-0.07	7.89
Global Resour	109.19	116.82	-0.51	0.69
High Inc	291.79	311.72	-0.09	4.27
Income Gth	236.36	251.72†	-0.68	3.62
-do- Acc	611.39	651.13†	-1.74	3.62
International	230.62	245.99	-0.72	0.88
Japan Spc Sit	244.43	259.98	-6.55	...
Japan	209.78	223.02	-5.13	...
N Amer	225.43	239.81	+3.37	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	195.01	207.45	-1.01	0.25
Pref Gilt	46.27	49.73	-0.02	8.50
Smaller Cos Div	169.67	181.46	+0.01	3.92
Special Sits	264.05	282.53	+0.44	1.71
-do- Acc	406.81	435.35	+0.68	1.71
Best of British	55.53	59.48†	-0.08	2.56
Spirit of the East	60.83	65.08	-1.37	0.57
Henderson TR				
Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	79.69	85.22	+1.13	...
Euro Spec Sits	45.92	48.93	+0.41	1.47
-do- Acc	48.62	51.81	+0.44	1.47
Far East Opps	32.53	34.80†	-0.17	0.26
-do- Acc	33.57	35.91	-0.19	0.26
General Growth	99.42	106.43	-0.43	2.74
Global Tech	124.86	133.60†	+1.36	...
Income Growth	103.55	110.74	-0.27	3.87
Income Monthly	57.10	61.06	-0.05	5.76
Japan Growth	83.45	88.78†	-2.34	...
Overseas Gth	76.68	81.55†	-0.25	1.21
Smaller Cos	74.92	80.16	+0.05	1.21
Special Opps	107.01	115.08	+0.57	1.34
Wld Spec Sits	50.30	53.90	+0.17	0.49
-do- Acc	50.42	54.02	+0.17	0.49
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	87.71	93.80	-0.53	2.23
Capital	155.80	166.60	-0.40	1.89
Dollar	312.30	334.00	+3.00	0.03
European	198.40	212.10	+0.30	0.63
Far East	239.70	256.30	-0.90	0.27
Financial	711.10	760.50	+3.50	1.93
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	20.20	22.22	+0.02	7.64
High Yield	100.40	107.30†	-0.10	4.56
Income	134.20	143.50	-0.30	3.43
Intl	216.60	231.60	-1.00	0.31
Japan Tech	72.38	77.41	-1.94	...
Nat Resources	60.88	65.11	-0.10	0.46
Security	297.30	317.90	-0.40	1.97
Smaller Cos	111.60	119.30	...	1.24
Special Sits	138.00	147.50	+0.10	1.61
US Smaller Cos	68.63	73.40†	+1.48	...
INVESCO UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.35	27.10	...	1.53
Special Features	27.36	29.07	-0.06	1.61
-do- Acc	32.31	34.32	-0.07	1.61
General Funds				
UK Growth	53.03	56.74†	-0.17	1.89
Assets Earnings	71.15	75.59	-0.29	1.88
do Acc	83.61	88.83	-0.34	1.88
Managed Invest	87.98	93.93	-0.27	1.17
Rupert Children	75.35	80.56	-0.35	1.80
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.76	50.76	+0.01	4.30
Extra Inc	79.85	85.10	+0.07	4.78
Gilt	27.64	29.10†	-0.02	6.78
Income Gth	38.80	41.42	-0.07	3.40
MIMstar	76.88	78.56	+0.17	7.81
Preference	17.63	18.73†	-0.01	6.39
UK Income	309.80	331.30	-0.40	2.90
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	57.53	61.12†	+0.13	1.24
Property Shares	63.29	68.16	-0.08	1.73
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	144.80	152.10†	-0.10	3.68
European Acc	113.40	120.00	+0.70	1.75
European Dist	107.90	114.30	+0.70	1.75
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.92	52.06	+0.43	0.90
European Perf	112.90	119.80	+0.90	1.01
-do- Acc	115.00	122.10	+1.00	1.01
Euro Small Cos	21.25	22.63	+0.13	0.74
French Growth	66.65	70.95	+0.28	0.52
-do- Acc	71.20	75.80	+0.31	0.52
Hong K/China	72.51	77.04	-0.44	1.61
Intl Growth	52.12	55.37	-0.19	0.63
-do- Acc	52.12	55.37	-0.19	0.63
Japan Perf	34.92	37.08†	-0.88	...
Accum Units	34.92	37.08†	-0.88	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.16	40.58	-0.88	...
Singapore Asean	81.72	86.82	+0.08	0.28
-do- Acc	82.22	87.35	+0.02	0.28
South East Asia	235.30	250.00	-0.80	0.95

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US Smllr Cos	101.60	107.90†	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	102.70	109.10†	+0.80	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	83.71	89.25†	+0.17	2.18
Intl Bond	58.60	59.40	-0.18	6.12
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.66	69.99†	-0.01	5.05
Extra Income	51.06	54.32†	-0.67	7.11
Gilt Yield	118.50	125.10†	-0.20	7.22
Global Income	197.10	209.70†	-2.52	4.18
High Yield	133.40	141.90	...	5.83
Smllr Cos Div	48.49	51.58†	+0.03	4.07
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	91.57	97.42	+2.18	...
North American	76.85	81.79†	+1.20	0.41
European	129.10	137.30†	...	2.03
Euro Special	75.10	79.89	-0.05	0.96
General	263.70	280.50	-1.10	3.18
Japan	432.80	460.40	-8.30	...
Japanese Special	245.00	260.60	-3.80	...
Master Acc	216.50	230.30	-0.10	1.34
Pacific	268.10	285.20	-2.60	0.96
Smaller Cos	102.20	108.70†	+3.35	1.54
UK Equity Gth	36.27	38.59	-0.66	1.68
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 558 5151				
European	73.41	78.10†	+0.31	0.99
Extra Income	23.79	25.31†	-0.13	3.27
Far East	27.57	29.33	-0.45	0.01
Income Gwth	72.62	77.26	-0.34	2.97
Intl Growth	51.81	55.12	-0.64	0.66
Japan	65.87	70.07	-2.17	...
Maximum Dist	100.20	102.20	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.97	41.46†	-0.02	0.28
UK Equity	86.76	92.30	-0.33	2.92
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.23	56.63	-0.18	4.41
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	425.40	452.50	-0.90	2.73
Equity Acc	809.30	858.80	-1.90	2.73
Equity Income	92.06	97.94	+0.02	4.75
European	95.88	102.00	+0.80	1.27
Far Eastern	185.20	197.00	-2.00	...
Fixed Interest	51.96	55.28†	+0.01	6.31
Gilt	91.41	96.94	+0.03	6.34
Global Growth	66.97	71.25†	+0.26	0.45
Intl Bond	57.07	60.71	-0.18	4.68
Japanese	71.91	76.50	-1.65	...
Overseas Equity	96.26	102.40†	-0.30	0.05
Pacific Gth	86.66	92.19	-0.27	0.46
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834343				
Balanced	312.50	332.50	+3.30	2.81
-do- Acc	686.30	730.20	+7.30	2.81
Contl Euro Gth	50.32	52.97	+0.03	1.41
-do- Acc	53.21	56.02	+0.04	1.41
Extra Inc	239.10	254.40	-0.50	3.86
-do- Acc	591.20	629.00	-1.30	3.86
German Gth	97.73	102.90	...	0.28
-do- Acc	102.50	107.90	...	0.28
Growth Port	489.00	520.30	-1.30	1.19
-do- Acc	489.00	520.30	-1.30	1.19
Income	448.60	477.30	-1.60	3.47
-do- Acc	1151.0	1225.0	-4.00	3.47
Income Port	488.80	520.00	-0.80	4.20
-do- Acc	493.50	525.10	-0.70	4.20
Japan Growth	96.58	102.80	-3.70	0.01
-do- Acc	96.91	103.10	-3.90	0.01
Master Trust	51.63	54.93	-0.14	1.31
-do- Acc	56.84	60.47	-0.16	1.31
N American Gen	188.20	200.30	+3.30	0.01
-do- Acc	217.40	231.30	+3.80	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	139.80	148.80	-1.50	0.01
-do- Acc	142.60	151.80	-1.60	0.01
Pacific Basin	202.10	215.00	-2.40	0.63
-do- Acc	213.60	227.30	-2.40	0.63
Small Cos Rec	312.80	329.30	+9.70	1.94
-do- Acc	407.30	428.80	+12.60	1.94
UK Growth	77.78	82.75	-1.44	2.20
-do- Acc	90.69	96.48	-1.69	2.20
Worldwide Gth	278.80	296.60†	-5.30	0.15
-do- Acc	411.10	437.40	-7.90	0.15
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282675				
General	77.69	83.36†	-0.09	2.80
Income	60.80	65.24	-0.13	5.30
International	56.85	61.00†	-0.53	0.90
American	59.55	63.89	-0.20	0.30
Japan	54.25	58.21	-1.91	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	57.43	61.62	+0.07	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	389.70	412.10	-1.40	0.87
-do- Acc	480.80	508.50	-1.70	0.87
American Rec	414.30	438.10	-2.00	0.21
-do- Acc	474.70	502.00	-2.30	0.21
Am Sm Co Acc	121.70	128.60	...	...
Australia Acc	158.50	167.50	+0.60	1.13
Capital	676.60	715.50	+0.70	2.38
-do- Acc	746.60	789.50	+0.70	2.38
Commodity Acc	432.60	457.50	-2.10	0.78
Compnd Gth	831.00	878.70	+2.70	2.82
Dividend	35.40	37.40†	+0.10	4.12
-do- Acc	140.10	148.30	+0.40	4.12
Equity Inc	303.00	320.40	+0.70	4.63
European Div	59.80	63.23	+0.10	4.21
-do- Acc	67.60	71.40	+0.10	4.21
European Gen	379.50	401.30†	+0.70	1.13
-do- Acc	476.70	504.10	+0.80	1.13
Extra Yield	379.10	400.90	+1.00	4.29
-do- Acc	1108.4	1172.2	+2.80	4.29
Far Eastern	303.20	320.60	-4.50	0.76
-do- Acc	398.80	421.80	-5.80	0.76
Fund of Inv	512.30	541.80†	+2.10	2.12
-do- Acc	934.40	988.30	+3.80	2.12
General	53.50	56.60†	+0.20	3.52
-do- Acc	143.00	151.40	+0.60	3.52
Gilt Fxd Int	62.60	62.66†	+0.26	7.50
do Acc	157.36	157.52	+0.65	7.50
Gold	58.10	61.40	-0.40	0.73
-do- Acc	68.00	71.80	-0.50	0.73
High Inc	25.00	26.40†	+0.10	4.41
-do- Acc	94.60	100.10	+0.50	4.41
Ind Growth	68.60	72.50	-0.90	0.84
-do- Acc	118.20	125.00	-1.50	0.84
Intl Inc	93.90	99.30	-0.70	4.52
Japan Gen Acc	50.80	53.70	-1.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	151.60	160.40	-3.30	...
Midland	55.85	59.03	+0.20	3.19
-do- Acc	178.60	188.80	+0.50	3.19
Recovery	36.70	38.80†	...	2.57
-do- Acc	58.40	61.80	+0.10	2.57
Second Gen	61.90	65.50†	...	3.34
-do- Acc	153.40	162.20	...	3.34
Smaller Cos	60.80	64.30	...	3.05
-do- Acc	115.30	121.90	-0.10	3.05
Trustee	39.30	41.60	...	3.80
Charifund 3	‡112.80	...	+0.60	9.56
Charifund 2	638.50	644.90	-1.40	5.11
Pension ex 1	842.50	883.60	+0.80	4.23
NAACIF Inc 3	‡46.15	...	+0.20	7.63
-do- Acc 3	‡1117.5	...	+5.00	7.63

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MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	137.10	146.60	-0.30	1.98
-do- Acc	152.20	162.80	-0.30	1.98
UK Income	113.20	121.10†	-0.16	2.62
-do- Acc	128.00	136.90†	-0.16	2.62
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	92.56	98.32	-0.60	0.77
Far East (Pacific)	136.80	145.20†	-0.30	0.63
Income Growth	71.64	76.05†	-0.65	3.45
European	66.72	70.82	-0.18	1.28
Nth American	56.45	59.92†	-0.18	1.01
UK Growth	76.84	81.57	+0.10	1.58
Intl Growth	94.48	100.50	-1.00	0.65
Charities	107.90	114.50†	+0.60	3.84
Intl Income	68.07	72.26†	+0.19	5.49
Japan	52.99	56.25	-2.15	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2800				
American	189.00	200.80	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	202.00	214.70	+0.70	...
Cash	100.90	100.90	...	5.50
-do- Acc	129.80	129.80	...	5.50
European Gth	190.00	201.70	...	0.79
-do- Acc	203.40	215.80	-0.10	0.79
General	462.80	493.80	-1.60	2.45
-do- Acc	880.50	939.30	-3.10	2.45
Global Dist	132.30	139.10	-0.70	5.25
-do- Acc	148.10	155.70	-0.70	5.25
Income	135.90	145.00†	-0.10	4.70
-do- Acc	200.30	213.70†	-0.20	4.70
International	387.20	412.70†	-3.30	0.68
-do- Acc	514.90	548.80†	-4.40	0.68
Japan	183.60	194.70	-5.70	...
-do- Acc	186.50	200.00	-5.80	...
New Europe	138.20	147.50	+0.30	1.76
-do- Acc	140.50	149.90	+0.30	1.76
Recovery	293.50	313.10	-0.20	2.87
-do- Acc	370.70	395.50	+0.20	2.87
European Inc	72.73	77.31†	+0.21	3.15
-do- Acc	93.99	99.90†	+0.28	3.15
Brit Blue Chip	72.19	76.84	-0.23	3.28
-do- Acc	85.14	90.63	-0.25	3.28
Portfolio	73.87	78.55	-0.18	2.88
-do- Acc	83.99	89.31	-0.22	2.88
Gold General	131.30	141.20†	-0.50	0.66
-do- Acc	134.10	144.20†	-0.80	0.66
Pacific	92.46	98.65†	-1.12	0.85
-do- Acc	98.25	104.80†	-1.20	0.85
UK Smaller Cos	53.03	56.57	+0.21	1.92
-do- Acc	59.18	63.13	+0.24	1.92
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 530 209 Enquiries: 0742 529 676				
Balanced Dist	57.20	61.18	-0.10	2.89
-do- Acc	58.08	62.12	-0.11	2.89
British Dist	76.28	81.58	-0.26	2.09
-do- Acc	86.35	92.35	-0.30	2.09
European Gth	168.70	180.30†	+1.10	0.25
-do- Acc	211.80	226.30	+1.40	0.25
Extra High Inc	68.74	73.52	+0.08	6.24
-do- Acc	120.90	129.30	+0.10	6.24
FT-SE 100 Index	48.45	51.82	-0.16	2.63
-do- Acc	48.45	51.82	-0.16	2.63
Gilt Fixed Int	55.98	58.28†	-0.04	6.93
-do- Acc	149.40	155.60	-0.10	6.93
High Yield	215.10	230.10	-0.40	4.77
-do- Acc	505.10	540.20	-0.90	4.77
Income	277.70	297.00	-0.80	3.36
-do- Acc	577.40	617.50	-1.50	3.36
Japan Gth	339.00	362.60	-11.50	...
-do- Acc	357.80	382.70	-12.20	...
Mandarin Acc	99.02	105.90	-0.10	0.47
North American	165.30	176.80†	-1.20	0.25
-do- Acc	208.60	223.10	-1.50	0.25
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	268.90	286.20	+2.50	...
Deposit Inc	100.09	100.09	+0.01	5.05
Deposit Acc	122.79	122.79†	+0.01	5.08
Euro Gth Acc	276.60	295.40†	-0.70	...
Europa	122.20	131.20	-0.20	...
Intl Gth	170.30	182.00†	-1.20	...
Japan Tracker	77.25	81.84†	-3.12	...
UK Equity Inc	147.80	159.00†	-0.20	4.14
-do- Acc	181.20	195.00†	-0.20	4.14
UK Ind Tracker	142.90	153.00	-0.40	3.14
US Eq Ind Trkr	193.60	205.30	+0.30	1.42
-do- Acc	204.80	217.20	+0.30	1.42
Asian Trader	157.50	171.00†	-2.10	0.47
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	167.80	171.80	-0.40	2.24
European	59.67	60.95	-0.05	1.51
Olympiad	54.60	56.02	-0.64	0.36
Global Bond	47.92	48.46†	+0.06	6.48
Smaller Cos	67.06	70.08†	+0.22	1.01
Equity Income	91.28	93.60†	-0.25	5.09
UK Growth	83.18	85.66	-0.12	1.90
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	46.77	49.88	+0.05	0.98
Australian Acc	289.10	310.10	+0.70	...
Conscience	62.92	67.15†	+1.26	1.06
-do- Acc	67.91	72.47	+1.37	1.06
European	166	177	+0.50	1.10
-do- Acc	178.80	190.50	+0.60	1.10
Extra Income	72.10	76.94	-0.12	5.77
-do- Acc	109.80	117.20	-0.10	5.77
Far East Gth	164.20	175.50	-1.90	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.78	62.21	-0.08	6.24
Gold	45.86	49.31	+0.14	...
-do- Acc	49.39	53.10	+0.15	...
Income	51.30	54.72†	-0.05	5.14
-do- Acc	157	167.40	-0.20	5.14
International	29.33	31.46	-0.10	1.05
-do- Acc	42.14	45.21	-0.14	1.05
Jap Sm Cos Acc	343.50	366.80	-5.70	...
S pore Mly Acc	185.90	199.30	+0.10	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.92	26.79†	+0.01	2.05
Special Sits	32.22	34.69	-0.08	1.79
-do- Acc	37.16	39.95	-0.06	1.79
Tokyo	85.91	91.63	-2.62	...
-do- Acc	86.77	92.55	-2.65	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5222				
N&P UK Growth	67.88	72.22	-0.07	2.73
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	75.11	79.49	+0.09	6.52
N&P Higher Inc	192.80	205.20†	+0.30	4.54
N&P UK Income	100.04	106.43†	-0.04	3.87
N&P Intl	87.32	92.90	-0.19	1.58
N&P Smaller Cos	75.94	80.79	+2.86	1.47
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	164.07	174.55	-0.37	2.33
Global	289.60	308.09	+1.53	1.14
Growth	108.01	114.91	-0.12	2.55
Income	201.49	214.36	+0.17	4.40
Intl Bond	129.35	137.36	-0.08	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 380, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	136.00	143.10†	-0.60	2.58
-do- Acc	241.00	253.70	-1.00	2.58
Income	218.30	232.30	-0.50	3.55

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Intl Equity	222.40	236.50	-2.50	0.87
-do- Acc	243.40	258.80	-2.70	0.87
Equity	213.90	227.50†	-0.70	2.46
-do- Acc	438.60	466.50	-1.50	2.46
UK Intl 25 Acc	69.11	73.52	-0.35	1.05
UK Income	60.49	64.34	-0.15	3.05
UK Smllr Co Acc	75.05	79.84	-0.03	1.41
New Europe Acc	61.08	64.97	+0.24	1.36
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	93.98	100.41	-0.70	0.23
PEP Gth Inc	101.37	108.42	+0.15	1.36
Intl Gth	485.11	518.84	-3.60	0.76
Income	302.74	323.79	+0.17	3.29
W wide Recov	306.96	328.31	-2.74	0.43
American Gth	207.69	222.13	-3.88	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	184.41	197.23	-0.16	0.14
Far East Gth	216.90	231.98	-2.76	0.15
European Gth	110.94	118.66	-0.96	1.32
UK Growth	77.05	82.41	-0.01	2.83
High Income	83.94	89.78	+0.04	4.39
Japanese Gth	217.29	231.42	-4.81	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282463				
International	173.90	184.90	-1.00	0.78
High Income	107.80	114.60	-0.30	3.66
Conv Gilt	109.10	116.00†	...	6.19
Far East	304.90	324.40	-4.50	0.28
Global Inc Acc	31.47	33.48	-0.03	5.65
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.68	54.13	+0.36	0.20
Emerging Mkts	63.78	67.88	-0.19	0.56
General	47.01	50.01†	-0.10	3.21
International	83.32	88.64	-0.70	1.36
Gilt Units	26.36	27.20†	-0.03	7.32
Global PEP	34.34	36.96	-0.03	2.10
Income Gth	64.48	68.60†	+0.03	4.78
European	42.34	45.04	+0.25	0.67
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.59	27.22†	-0.02	5.78
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Priceback: 0426 925891				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.24	33.41	-0.10	1.78
Pru Cth Invs Inc	101.38	107.38†	+0.01	5.34
-do- Acc	105.51	105.51†	+0.01	5.34
Pru Equity	653.12	698.52	-1.61	2.89
Pru Equity Inc	77.46	82.84†	-0.37	4.74
Pru European	172.22	184.19†	+1.08	1.23
Pru Global Gth	79.55	85.07	-0.15	1.22
Pru High Inc	83.04	88.81†	-0.03	4.93
Pru Intl	162.04	173.30	-0.40	1.03
Pru Intl Sm Co	69.43	74.25	-0.18	0.71
Pru Japanese	201.03	215.00	-5.23	...
Pru Nth Amer	141.89	151.75†	+0.65	0.84
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.81	82.14	-0.36	1.32
Pru Premr Inc	48.73	51.79	+0.05	7.39
Pru Smllr Cos	82.62	88.36	+0.14	2.04
Pru Spec Sits	96.45	103.15†	-0.25	2.46
Pru UK Gwth	109.23	116.82	-0.21	2.32
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	151.56	163.33†	-0.56	3.60
NC Japan	223.24	292.72	-9.70	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.13	98.00†	-0.45	2.53
NC America Inc	486.91	524.67	+1.04	0.72
-do- Acc	567.87	609.40	+1.20	0.72
NC Smllr UK Cos	266.87	290.95	+0.48	1.50
NC European	248.11	268.29	+0.65	1.41
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.37	76.98	-0.47	3.68
Capital Units	143.90	153.00†	-0.60	1.28
Commodity	108.70	115.60	+0.20	1.13
European Gth	155.20	165.10	+0.70	1.29
Financial Sec	175.40	186.50†	+0.70	1.81
High Return	215.10	228.80	-0.20	4.42
High Yield	202.80	215.70	...	4.04
Income Units	108.50	115.40	+0.10	4.10
Investment	178.50	189.80	-0.30	1.36
Japan Gth	155.90	165.60	-5.00	...
Japan Smaller	183.20	194.80	-5.90	...
Moneyfund	48.48	49.44†	-0.13	1.29
Scotbits	257.30	273.70	+1.30	1.51
Scotshares	258.40	274.80†	+0.80	2.24
Scotyields	223.50	237.70	+0.20	3.78
Select Intl	128.70	136.90	-1.20	0.41
Smaller Cos	229.20	243.80	-0.10	3.86
Special Situation	110.20	117.20†	...	0.82
UK Equity	224.10	238.40	+0.50	2.67
US Growth	139.20	148.00	-0.10	0.38
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Enq: 0800 526 535. Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	232.71	248.22†	-0.72	0.50
-do- Acc	252.13	268.93	-0.78	0.50
Australian	122.66	130.83	-0.54	0.92
-do- Acc	144.20	153.81	-0.63	0.92
UK Enterprise	214.64	228.94	-0.25	2.32
-do- Acc	247.95	264.47	-0.29	2.32
European Gth	60.75	64.61†	-0.05	1.50
-do- Acc	63.10	67.10	-0.06	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	54.74	58.39†	+0.17	0.44
-do- Acc	55.11	58.75	+0.17	0.44
Far Eastern Gth	70.86	75.58	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	72.01	76.80	-0.31	...
Fixed Interest	53.94	56.88	+0.09	6.80
-do- Acc	65.50	69.07	+0.11	6.80
Gilt Income	104.07	109.67	-0.25	7.50
-do- Acc	145.35	153.17	-0.35	7.50
Income	314.45	335.41	-0.12	3.88
-do- Acc	927.53	989.32	-0.37	3.88
Japan Enterprise	68.79	73.37	-2.20	...
-do- Acc	68.79	73.37	-2.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	477.73	509.52	-10.86	...
-do- Acc	478.68	510.59	-10.88	...
Pacific Gth	95.57	101.94	-0.92	0.07
-do- Acc	98.41	104.97	-0.94	0.07
Smaller Cos	188.63	201.20†	+0.36	0.89
-do- Acc	217.97	232.50	+0.42	0.89
Tokyo	108.57	115.80	-2.69	...
-do- Acc	109.66	116.97	-2.71	...
UK Equity	210.37	224.39	-0.51	2.62
-do- Acc	389.58	415.55	-0.94	2.62
US Smllr Cos	132.90	141.75†	-0.28	...
-do- Acc	132.90	141.75	-0.28	...
World Fd	70.93	75.65	-0.25	1.45
-do- Acc	74.78	79.76	-0.26	1.45
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.81	49.85	+0.07	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.76	67.90	+0.20	1.04
European Opps	70.43	75.01	+0.22	3.22
Maximum Inc	99.41	101.98	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	53.98	57.49	+0.13	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	342.00	365.50	-0.90	2.77
American	247.80	263.00	-1.80	0.93
Pacific	332.70	355.80	-6.00	0.62
European	444.30	475.20	+2.40	1.25
Worldwide	79.33	84.85	-0.08	1.08
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	301.40	320.70†	-0.90	2.70

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Sm Cos Eqty	208.40	221.80†	-0.20	1.87
European	326.60	347.30	-0.30	1.70
North American	257.10	272.60	-0.60	0.01
Income Plus Inc	66.27	70.50	-0.11	1.76
UK Spec Sits	67.16	71.45	-0.05	2.78
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.54	27.34	+0.08	2.63
Intl Growth Acc	29.35	31.41	-0.32	0.96
Market Ldrs Acc	26.00	27.93	-0.14	2.91
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 4226				
European	197.70	...	+0.18	...
Global Bond	398.45	...	+0.34	7.50
Japan Samurai	394.81	...	-2.34	...
UK Growth	397.70	...	+0.15	4.06
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	44.40	47.18	+0.10	1.66
Equity Gth Acc	60.24	64.01	+0.30	1.66
UK Eq General	41.82	44.44	+0.20	2.25
-do- Acc	55.22	58.68	+0.20	2.25
European Acc	41.19	43.77	...	1.19
Far East Acc	58.61	60.15	+0.30	0.26
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.95	32.73	+0.20	6.46
N American Acc	43.52	46.24	...	0.83
O/S Lgr Cos Acc	282.50	306.60	+0.10	1.44
UK Eq High Inc	34.99	37.18	+0.10	3.91
-do- Acc	41.55	44.15	+0.10	3.91
UK Lgr Cos Inc	289.50	314.20	+1.00	3.73
UK Lgr Cos Acc	377.00	409.10	+1.30	3.73
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.56	N283.78	...	1.20
US Eq	$2.050	$2.191	...	0.80
Far East Eq	Y232.6	Y247.0	...	...
Japan Eq	Y235.0	Y249.6	...	...
FT Europe	112.40	119.30	...	2.19
FT North Am	$1.707	$1.809	...	1.09
FT Japan	Y233.1	Y247.6	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.853	$1.968	...	1.69
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	339.80	361.90	-1.10	0.32
British	939.00	993.50	...	4.13
European	389.90	415.30	+1.60	1.40
Japan	146.30	155.30	-3.90	...
New Pacific	296.20	315.50†	-0.40	1.28
Mngd Cash	96.21	96.21	+0.01	5.04
Majority Stlg	100.41	101.41	-0.01	4.77
Inv Tst	190.80	202.30	-0.30	1.77
Saints PPP	380.40	400.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	722.90	773.20	-0.80	3.06
N America Acc	116.20	124.30	+0.80	0.27
Far East Acc	123.00	131.60	-2.00	0.04
W wide Bond	61.38	65.16	-0.16	5.34
European	82.29	88.01	+0.76	0.63
Equity Income	80.46	86.07†	-0.08	4.21
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.43	36.80	+0.26	0.52
Managed Assets	118.93	127.20	-0.43	3.19
UK Income	36.09	38.60†	-0.16	3.06
UK Growth	36.15	38.67	-0.12	2.30
Worldwide Gth	31.07	33.23†	-0.22	0.39
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	210.90	224.36	+2.32	0.10
-do- Acc	231.63	246.42	+2.54	0.10
British Gth	85.26	90.70	+0.10	1.88
-do- Acc	100.32	106.72	+0.12	1.88
European	90.75	96.54	+0.82	1.09
-do- Acc	95.72	101.83	+0.86	1.09
Extra Inc	185.51	197.35	-0.32	4.02
-do- Acc	295.94	314.83	-0.50	4.02
General Unit	264.08	280.90	+1.04	2.34
-do- Acc	521.02	554.28	+2.05	2.34
Income	318.90	339.26†	-0.88	3.56
-do- Acc	662.70	705.00†	-1.83	3.56
International	486.98	518.06	+1.02	0.46
-do- Acc	637.50	678.19	+1.33	0.46
Pacific	342.34	364.19†	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	359.62	382.57†	-0.94	...
Premier Income	51.23	53.36	-0.02	6.31
-do- Acc	106.80	111.25	-0.04	6.31
Nat Resources	129.05	137.29	+0.42	0.16
-do- Acc	141.63	150.67	+0.46	0.16
Selected Opps	98.68	104.98	-0.13	1.14
-do- Acc	123.54	131.43	-0.17	1.14
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 3545				
Amer Sml Cos	77.38	82.53	+0.41	...
-do- Acc	79.81	85.13	+0.44	...
European Opps	60.41	64.32	+0.15	0.46
-do- Acc	61.05	65.00	+0.17	0.46
Far East Opps	150.75	160.80	-2.97	...
-do- Acc	154.27	164.55	-3.07	...
Japan	86.42	91.87	-1.81	...
-do- Acc	86.42	91.87	-1.81	...
Little Dragons	73.88	78.80	-0.40	0.63
-do- Acc	76.05	81.11	-0.43	0.63
Oriental Income	43.72	46.63	-0.34	3.41
-do- Acc	55.74	59.45	-0.42	3.41
Tiger	213.21	227.42	-1.86	1.16
-do- Acc	224	238.93	-1.96	1.16
UK Small Cos	76.37	81.63	+0.60	1.65
-do- Acc	89.06	95.25	+0.71	1.65
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	17.63	18.75	-0.07	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.45	33.45	-0.30	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.07	39.43	-0.73	...
Global Bond	$0.962	$1.002	+0.007	7.21
Penny Share	24.10	25.63	...	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.91	52.92	+0.01	5.40
Gilt Growth	67.62	70.37	-0.02	...
Gilt Income	52.05	54.16†	+0.01	7.35
Short Dtd Gilt	107.20	109.10	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.715	$0.725	+0.000	...
Challenger	94.31	96.50	-0.62	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	68.31	72.67	-0.16	1.94

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	11,000	Cadbury	914	MB Cardn	898	Scot Power	552
Abbey Natl	3,200	Carlton Cm	1,500	Marks Spr	4,000	Sears	2,900
Alld-Lyons	1,800	Coats Vly	5,300	NFC	1,100	Svrn Trent	3,100
Anglian W	518	Cm Union	380	NatWst Bk	1,400	Shell Trans	1,500
Argyll Gp	1,800	Courtaulds	609	Nat Power	1,900	Siebe	1,200
Arjo Wiggn	1,100	De La Rue	511	Nth Wst W	1,000	SmKl Bch	1,200
AB Foods	370	Enterpr Oil	261	Nthrn Fds	1,700	Smith Nph	2,800
BAA	1,200	Forte	2,100	P & O	920	Std Chartd	484
BAT Inds	7,900	GRE	2,800	Pearson	1,300	Sun Allnce	594
BOC	1,000	GUS A	301	PowerGen	264	TI Gp	156
BP	5,100	Gen Acc	1,000	Prudential	2,700	TSB	928
BT	3,300	Gen Elec	5,000	RMC	321	Tate & Lyle	325
BTR	2,500	Glaxo	2,900	RTZ	2,200	Tesco	2,600
Bk of Scot	910	Granada	1,100	Rank Org	969	Thames W	1,800
Barclays	2,900	Grand Met	3,000	Reckitt Col	1,400	Thrn EMI	1,900
Bass	2,200	Guinness	1,500	Redland	405	Tomkins	4,500
Blue Circle	2,200	HSBC	3,800	Reed Intl	1,400	Unilever	2,200
Boots	2,100	Hanson	4,900	Rentokil	1,200	Utd Bisc	329
Bowater	1,300	ICI	2,000	Reuters	348	Vodafone	1,000
Brit Aero	510	Inchcape	849	Rothmans	934	Warburg (SG)	130
Brit Airways	1,100	Kingfisher	761	Ryl Ins	3,900	Wellcome	1,400
Brit Gas	3,300	Ladbroke	1,400	Ryl Bk Scot	636	Whitbd 'A'	893
Brit Steel	2,200	Land Secs	1,100	Sainsbury	2,000	Wllms Hld	1,700
Burmah Cast	152	Legal & Gn	636	Scot Hydro	1,100	Wolseley	265
Cable Wire	1,600	Lloyds Bk	1,500	Scot & New	839	Zeneca	1,900

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3518.29 (-11.91)
S&P Composite .... 451.02 (-0.83)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Avge .... 19543.42 (-343.34)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7107.47 (-40.63)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 112.2 (-0.5)

Sydney: AO .... 1718.5 (+3.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1708.33 (+1.13)

FT 30 share: .... 2263.2 (-5.3)

Brussels:
General .... 6519.81 (+44.17)

Paris: CAC .... n/a

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 530.7 (same)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1426.77 (-3.40)
FT 500 .... 1542.66 (-4.28)
FT Gold Mines .... 201.9 (-3.8)
FT Fixed Interest .... 115.14 (+0.31)
FT Govt Secs .... 97.13 (-0.07)
Bargains 26987
SEAQ Volume 562.0m
USM (Datastrm) .... 139.46 (+0.02)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 28	July 9	September 30	October 11

Call options were taken out on 29/6/93: Aminex, BSR, Division Group, Ferranti Intl, Flextech, Glaxo, Hillsdown, JF Japan Wts, Kewill Sys, Kunick, Lep, Pilkington, Premier Cons Oil, Ryan Hotel, Tullow Oil, Western Selection, G Wimpey.
Puts & Calls: Forte, Kunick, Lonrho, Porter Chadburn, Stonehill 'A', Tarmac.

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
All'd Lyns	500	42½	51½	61	2½	11	15½
(*540)	550	10½	25½	37½	21½	32	41
Argyll	300	30	40	45	2½	8	14
(*325)	330	9	21	25	15	20	27
ASDA	67	7½	11	-	1½	5	-
(*71½)	76	3	6	-	6	9½	-
Boots	420	31	45	50	3½	11	18
(*446)	460	7	22	31	21	30	37
Br Airways	292	23½	35½	40½	4	10	16½
(*304)	316	11½	19	24	17½	24	30½
BP	300	13	21½	27½	7	14½	19
(*304)	330	2½	9	15	27	33	36
Br Steel	90	5½	12½	16½	3	6	8
(*97)	100	3	8	12	8	11	13
C & W	750	30½	52	67½	12	28	39
(*765½)	800	9½	27½	43	44½	57	66½
CU	580	53½	44	-	6½	21½	-
(*601)	629	7½	19½	-	32	49½	-
ICI	633	36	48	64½	7	24	31
(*657½)	667	20½	24	51½	16	36	43½
Kingfisher	564	31	47	-	7½	23	-
(*597)	632	7	25	-	34	48	-
Land Sec	550	44½	56½	62½	2	9	15½
(*590)	600	7½	24½	30	19	29	36½
M & S	330	30	31	37	4	9	13
(*345)	360	4½	13	21	18	25	27
Nat West	460	20½	38½	50	6	14	22
(*462)	500	8	18	30½	26½	38½	45½
Sainsbury	460	34	48	56½	3	11	16½
(*486½)	500	8½	24	33	19½	28	34
Shell	600	37	45	56½	3½	15	20½
(*630)	650	6½	19	31	25½	40½	45½
Smkl Bch	420	26	41½	52½	7½	20½	29½
(*436½)	460	7	23½	34	30	43	51
Storehse	200	16	21	26	4	9	13
(*211½)	220	3	11	15	14	19	24
Trafalgar	101	7	12½	-	4½	8	-
(*104)	110	3	8½	12	9½	13½	16
Unilever	1000	46½	70	90	7½	21½	30½
(*1034½)	1050	15	45	62	30	44½	55½
Zeneca	600	31½	45½	59½	6½	26	33½
(*622)	650	6½	22	35½	34½	55½	60½
	Series	Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Grand Met	420	19½	32	44½	9	18	30½
(*426)	460	3½	14	28	36½	43	53½
Ladbroke	160	22½	28	32½	2	5	11
(*179½)	180	8	16	22	9½	18	20½
Utd Bisc	390	18	34½	43½	12	23	32½
(*393½)	420	6	21½	31½	31	40½	50

June 29, 1993 Tot: 27079 Calls: 15093 Puts: 11986 FT-SE Calls: 4836 Puts: 4125
* Underlying security price.

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAA	700	45	66	71	6	17	21½
(*730½)	750	15	36½	43	29½	39	46½
Thames W	460	24½	36	39½	6½	17	20½
(*473)	500	6	16	20½	30½	38½	42½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	425	14	24	33½	15½	29½	33½
(*421½)	450	5½	14½	24	33	47½	51
BTR	360	23½	30	36½	4	11	14
(*378½)	390	6	14½	21	18	26½	29½
Br Aero	390	26	48½	61½	21	37½	46
(*392½)	420	14	35	47½	39½	54½	62½
Br Telcm	420	14	22	26½	12	23½	30
(*423)	460	3	8½	13	40	51½	56½
Cadbury	420	48	57½	67	2½	9½	11
(*461)	460	18	32	43	13	25½	30
Guinness	460	22	37	49½	12	25	29½
(*469)	500	6	20	30½	38½	48	53
GEC	330	13	22	26½	10	15½	19½
(*338½)	360	2½	9½	14	32½	35	37½
Hanson	220	10	16	19	5½	11	15
(*223)	240	2½	7½	11	19	24	27
LASMO	140	23	30	35	2½	7½	10½
(*160)	160	9½	18½	24	8½	16½	20
Lucas	130	13½	19	22	4½	12½	15½
(*136½)	140	7½	13	16½	9	18	21
Pilkingtn	110	12	18	19	2½	5½	9
(*121½)	120	6	12½	13½	6	10½	14½
Prudential	330	20½	29½	36½	5½	14½	17½
(*340½)	360	5	14½	21	22½	31	34
Redland	460	27	42½	50½	12½	31	30½
(*470)	500	8½	24½	33½	37	54	59
Royal Ins	288	23	37½	46	4	11	15½
(*309½)	317	9½	21½	30½	15½	24	29
Tesco	200	21	27	32	3½	9	12
(*212½)	220	8	15½	21½	11	18½	22
Vodafone	420	42	58	65½	5½	15½	20½
(*451)	460	14	34½	43	21½	33	38
Williams	300	30	39½	42	3	11	14½
(*322)	330	10½	18½	26	15	26½	29½

FT-SE INDEX (*2886½)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jul	153	103	59	26	8	2½
Aug	166	122	84	52	32	18
Sep	178	138	103	74	52	32
Oct	193	155	122	92	69	50
Dec	-	189	-	130	-	81
Puts						
Jul	3	5½	12	33	69	117
Aug	12	18	32	54	81	125
Sep	19	32	46	68	97	132
Oct	33	46	63	83	111	143
Dec	-	68	-	108	-	162

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	28	40½	48	11	16	22½
(*406)	420	13	25	32½	27	33	37½
Amstrad	30	6	7	8	1½	2½	3
(*33½)	35	3	4½	5½	4	5	5½
Barclays	460	29	42½	50	16½	24	28½
(*472)	500	11	23	31	42	48	51½
Blue Circ	240	25	30½	36	7½	14½	17½
(*253½)	260	13½	20½	26	17	25	28
Br Gas	280	27½	31½	34½	4	10	12½
(*298½)	300	14	19	23½	11½	18	22
Dixons	200	25	33	37	7	12	15
(*219)	220	13½	22	27	15½	21	25
Forte	220	17	24½	30½	12½	19½	23½
(*222)	240	8½	16	22	25	31½	35
Hillsdwn	130	15½	19½	23	6	9	12½
(*137½)	140	9½	14½	17½	11	16	17½
Lonrho	120	10½	17	19½	11	14	17
(*121)	130	6	13	15	17½	20½	24
Sears	90	12½	14	16	2	4	5
(*99)	100	5½	8	10½	6	8	9½
Thm Emi	900	34	52	62	30½	44½	54½
(*909½)	950	14½	28	41½	71½	76	86½
Tomkins	220	13	20½	25	10	15	18½
(*224½)	240	5½	12	16½	25	27½	31
TSB	180	19	23	27	5½	9	13½
(*192)	200	7	12	18	16	19½	24
Wellcome	650	52	70	86	25	43½	52
(*668½)	700	29	47	60½	53	70	78
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Glaxo	550	42	55½	68½	22½	41	50½
(*562½)	600	19½	35	48	52	71½	80½
HSBC	650	47½	68½	86	27½	42	59½
(*663½)	700	24	45	62½	56	68½	86
Reuter	1350	85	125	151	47	70	101
(*1382½)	1400	56½	98½	23½	71½	96	124
	Series	Sep	Dec	Feb	Sep	Dec	Feb
R-Royce	140	13	18½	20	6½	14	15
(*144)	160	5	10	12	21	27	27
	Series	Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Fisons	160	22½	30½	34	3	9½	13
(*178½)	180	8	20	22	11	19	23½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastrn Elc	420	54½	55½	59½	3	8½	14½
(*471½)	460	18	28	35	16½	24½	31
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Pwr	360	23	34	39	9½	16½	20½
(*368½)	390	9½	19½	24½	27	31½	36
Scot Pwr	300	17½	23	-	10	14½	-
(*319½)	330	7	13	17½	23	26	29½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	2922.0	2926.0	2901.0	2904.5	8754
Previous open interest: 43339	Dec 93	2929.0	2929.0	2929.0	2923.0	105
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.15	94.17	94.13	94.15	12045
Previous open interest: 303577	Dec 93	94.33	94.33	94.32	94.33	5910
	Mar 94	94.24	94.25	94.23	94.24	2257
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.55	96.58	96.55	96.58	235
Previous open interest: 12526	Dec 93	96.18	96.21	96.16	96.21	263
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.19	93.23	93.18	93.22	42541
Previous open interest: 591740	Dec 93	93.94	93.96	93.92	93.96	22533
Long Gilt	Sep 93	107-05	107-05	106-27	106-31	41354
Previous open interest: 82858	Dec 93				106-06	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	108.44	108.45	108.28	108.37	1760
	Dec 93				107.69	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	95.76	95.90	95.69	95.76	71888
Previous open interest: 171343	Dec 93	95.88	95.99	95.85	95.90	543
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	99.49	99.60	99.45	99.53	4397
Previous open interest: 20770	Dec 93				99.75	0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	93.57	93.61	93.54	93.55	1703
Previous open interest: 24521	Dec 93	94.05	94.07	94.02	94.06	1088
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.51	95.55	95.48	95.51	7289
Previous open interest: 36859	Dec 93	95.80	95.80	95.75	95.78	1807
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	102.23	102.72	102.02	102.69	15660
Previous open interest: 51721	Dec 93	101.80	102.30	101.80	102.35	275

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Aluminium suffered as prices fell in the wake of the news that Alcoa, the key US producer, is to cut back its production by 25%. The move is partly because of the depressed market conditions, but also to counter the possible threat of an EC protectionist move. A flood of cheap metal from Russia has prompted the Community to talk about erecting trade barriers to protect its industry.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Jul	710-708	Sep	764 SLR
Sep	708-707	Dec	784-781
Dec	711-710	Mar	804-801
Mar	724-723	May	817 SLR
May	735 BID		
Jul	750 SLR		Volume: 7234

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	899 BID	Mar	917-914
Sep	915 BID	May	925-915
Nov	915-914	Jul	935-925
Jan	915-913		Volume: 3610

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	267.5-66.2
Spot: 277.5		May	271.0-68.7
Aug	275.0-74.2	Aug	275.0-70.7
Oct	267.0-66.2	Oct	269.0-61.8
Dec	267.0-65.4		Volume: 1369

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 29

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	85.96	112.10	139.79
(+/-)	-1.01	-1.68	-0.03
Eng/Wales:	84.86	111.91	137.67
(+/-)	+0.26	-1.61	+0.08
(%)	-2.1	+4.7	-6.5
Scotland:	94.30	113.52	147.09
(+/-)	-2.89	-2.86	+0.36
(%)	-41.9	+42.6	-16.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	unq	unq	Mar	unq	unq
Jul	unq	unq			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	106.30
Nov	107.30
Jan	110.45
Mar	112.65
May	114.00
	Volume: 42

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	104.65
Nov	107.15
Jan	110.00
Mar	112.20
May	113.15
	Volume: 28

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	153.30
Oct	153.30
Dec	155.00
Feb	159.00
Apr	160.00
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	55.0
Apr	87.0	85.2
May	93.0	93.5
		Volume: 34

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jul 59.25-59.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Oil prices rallied on a perception that North Sea cargoes were in short supply for July.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.45	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.50	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.70	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.10	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.35	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	199 (+1)	201 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	163 (+2)	164 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jul	165 (+1)	166 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	167 (+1)	168 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	60 (n/c)
Naphtha	170 (-1)	172 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Jul	163.75-64.00	Oct	170.25-70.50
Aug	165.50-65.75	Nov	172.25-72.50
Sep	167.25-67.50	Dec	174.25-74.50
			Vol: 7764

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	17.68-17.70	Nov	18.10-18.25
Sep	17.87-17.90	Dec	18.30-18.37
Oct	18.09 SLR		Vol: 17237

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jul	190.50-92.00	Oct	n/a
Aug	190.75-91.50	Nov	n/a
Sep	190.00-91.50		Vol: 206

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 93	1497	1493	1493
Jul 93	1332	1325	1328
Aug 93	1315	1300	1299
Oct 93	1407	1305	1395

Vol: 208 lots. Open int'st: 3735 Index 1484 -8

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1251.0-1252.0	1264.5-1265.0	957175
Lead (£/tonne)	260.00-260.25	270.50-271.00	134425
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	916.00-916.50	935.50-936.00	38250
Tin ($/tonne)	5010.0-5020.0	5065.0-5075.0	17020
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1209.0-1210.0	1232.5-1233.0	1913975
Nickel ($/tonne)	5385.0-5390.0	5448.0-5450.0	13360

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.8 (day's range 80.2-80.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 29	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8349-2.8542	2.8427-2.8462	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Brussels	51.94-52.24	52.18-52.24	2-6ds	9-16ds
Copenhagen	9.7100-9.7820	9.7600-9.7820	1¾-3ds	4½-6ds
Dublin	1.0388-1.0410	1.0390-1.0409	5-10ds	12-19ds
Frankfurt	2.5316-2.5440	2.5407-2.5440	⅞-¼ds	1-1½ds
Lisbon	240.86-242.21	241.45-241.92	116-128ds	318-346ds
Madrid	193.46-195.17	194.01-194.30	94-112ds	241-268ds
Milan	2299.00-2319.20	2311.50-2316.20	8-10ds	22-25ds
Montreal	1.9091-1.9254	1.9232-1.9254	0.31-0.22pr	0.54-0.42pr
New York	1.4905-1.5035	1.5025-1.5035	0.36-0.34pr	1.00-0.97pr
Oslo	10.6890-10.7540	10.7310-10.7540	¼-⅞ds	¼-1⅛ds
Paris	8.5140-8.5740	8.5520-8.5670	1⅛-1½ds	2⅛-2⅝ds
Stockholm	11.6100-11.6710	11.6480-11.6710	2¼-3⅜ds	5⅞-7⅜ds
Tokyo	160.15-161.11	160.84-161.11	1⅜-⅞pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.78-17.88	17.84-17.88	1¼-2⅛ds	2½-4½ds
Zurich	2.2488-2.2568	2.2529-2.2561	¼pr-par	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5012-1.5038
Australia dollar	2.2341-2.2374
Bahrain dinar	0.5575-0.5695
Brazil cruzeiro *	80692.8-80752.5
Cyprus pound	0.744-0.754
Finland markka	8.4895-8.6055
Greece drachma	342.5-349.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.604-11.616
India rupee	46.38-47.34
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4455-0.4555
Malaysia ringgit	3.8663-3.8705
Mexico peso	4.62-4.72
New Zealand dollar	2.7843-2.7915
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.542-5.668
Singapore dollar	2.4297-2.4329
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0664-7.1163
S Africa rand (com)	5.0043-5.0108
U A E dirham	5.4255-5.5495

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4914-1.4925
Austria	11.92-11.93
Belgium (Com)	34.83-34.84
Canada	1.2802-1.2807
Denmark	6.512-6.522
France	5.699-5.704
Germany	1.691-1.692
Hong Kong	7.7465-7.7485
Ireland	1.4390-1.4395
Italy	1540.0-1543.0
Japan	106.95-107.05
Malaysia	2.581-2.582
Netherlands	1.898-1.899
Norway	7.165-7.175
Portugal	161.6-161.9
Singapore	1.622-1.623
Spain	129.75-129.85
Sweden	7.776-7.786
Switzerland	1.501-1.502

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5 Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¹³⁄₁₆; 3 mth 5¾. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth: 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5¾	6-5¾	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	
Interbank:	6-5¾	6-5¾	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 5¾, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⁷⁄₈	n/a	5⁷⁄₈	5⁷⁄₈	5⁷⁄₈
Sterling CDs:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₈	5⅞-5¾	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₈	5⁷⁄₈-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⁷⁄₈-5¹³⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	3.13-3.09	n/a	3.23-3.18	3.38-3.33	3.66-3.64
Building Society CDs:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5⁷⁄₈-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⁷⁄₈-5¹³⁄₁₆

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jun 30, 1993. Agreed rates July 26, 1993 to Aug 24, 1993. Schemes III: 7.18%. Reference rate May 29, 1993 to Jun 30, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 5.939%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2¾	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3¼-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3¼-2¾
Deutschemark:	8-7¾	7⅞-7¾	7⅝-7½	7¼-7⅛	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	7⅞-7¾	7⅞-7¾	7¼-6⅞	6⅞-6¾	8-7
Swiss Franc:	5⅞-5⅜	5⅞-5¾	5¼-4⅞	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-4⅞
Yen:	3⅛-3¼	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3¼	3⅛-2¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $375.00-375.40. Close: $376.50-377.00. High: $376.90-377.40. Low: $374.20-374.70. Krugerrand: $375.25-377.75 (£249.75-251.75)

Sovereigns: Old $89.00-92.00 (£57.25-59.25) New $89.00-92.00 (£57.25-59.25)

Platinum: $384.10 (£256.50) Silver: $4.48 (£2.98) Palladium: $135.75 (£90.65)

Small losses in thin trade

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 21. Dealings end July 2. §Contango day July 5. Settlement day July 12. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1570	...	...	1.4	25.9
28	18	FAI	28	+1	...	...	...
615½	546	Gen Accident	604	+1	26.7	5.5	...
197	160	GRE	191	-2	7.0	4.6	15.9
370	293	Heath C E	340 †	+2	16.0	5.9	...
324	168	Hogg Gp	224	+4	8.1	4.5	20.3
217	164	JIB Group	217	+7	7.5	4.3	22.0
493	408½	Legal & Gen	473	-2	...	5.0	28.7
1026	768	Liberty Life	936	-6	...	4.1	16.2
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	428	-11	17.3	5.1	15.4
313	253	Lloyd Thomp	302	+1	5.6	2.3	22.2
368	234	Londn & Man	333	-3	14.2	5.3	24.5
384	321	Lowndes Lmb	384	+5	13.5	4.5	∞
6745½	5600	Marsh McLn	5793½	-31¼	...	2.9	...
97	76	Odel	81	-2	...	7.7	∞
68	50½	PWS	63	...	4.0	7.9	9.1
343	282½	Prudential	340½	-¼	...	4.4	22.6
1128	800	Refuge	1045	-10	31.5	3.8	28.9
319	248	Royal	310 †	+6	...	2.6	...
200	153	Sedgwick	199	...	6.0	3.8	24.0
261	205	Steel Burrill	247	...	...	6.7	14.6
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	65	...	8.2	...	6.3
363	307	Sun Alliance	351	-5	14.2	5.1	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	57	...	...	...	...
288	230	Transatlantic	273	...	12.0	5.5	25.3
773	499	Utd Friendly	713	+3	14.5	2.5	31.1
224	171	Willis Corroon	224	+3	...	3.7	48.1
20	13½	Windsor	18	+1	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1683	-6	45.0	3.3	37.0
280	226½	Amer Trust	239	...	4.9	2.6	49.6
363	304	Ang & O'seas	352	-3	6.8	2.4	44.7
139	124	BZW Conv	139	+½	7.8	7.1	16.1
162	133½	Bankers	161½	+½	3.4	2.7	44.1
288	264	Baring Tribne	288	+2	6.4	2.8	45.5
170	131	Berry Starq	170	...	2.2	1.6	55.3
106½	96½	Br Assets	101½	...	...	5.3	24.8
73½	57½	Br Empire Sec	73	...	0.8	1.5	74.1
23	14	-do- Wnts	23	...	...	...	...
173	155	Br Inv	168 †	...	4.5	3.3	∞
164	130	Contl Asset	160	...	2.4	1.9	53.2
195	144	Derby Inc	152	...	16.6	13.7	9.1
260	105	-do- Cap	258	...	...	...	...
73	62	Drayton Blue	66	...	8.4	15.9	7.3
71	35	-do- Eng Intl	69	...	1.2	2.2	...
120	84	-do- Far East	117	-2	0.6	0.7	...
120	95	-do- Korea	120 †	...	0.5	0.5	...
631	576	Dunedn Inc G	580	...	25.4	5.5	26.7
611	513	-do- Wrde	599	...	9.5	2.0	61.7
270	222	Dundee & Lon	267	...	12.0	...	24.4
51	44	EFM Inc Tst	44 †	...	4.8	13.8	∞
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	53	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	272½	-½	8.4	3.9	39.8
251	183	Electra Inv	251	...	6.7	3.4	33.8
170	141	Electric Gen	168	...	3.1	2.3	∞
98	85	English Scot	98	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	246	...	...	3.0	30.0
104	77	Finsbury 'A'	104	...	3.0	3.6	33.5
280	248	Fleming Amer	269	+1	0.7	0.3	...
206	180½	-do- Claver	200 †	...	...	3.3	39.4
267	212	Do Contl	267 †	...	2.7	1.3	∞
184	147	-do- Entp	184	...	4.5	3.1	41.3
301	213	-do- F East	290 †	-2	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	300	...	3.0	1.3	...
118	97	-do- Hi Inc	97½	...	...	5.6	16.7
231	136	-do- Japan	222	-2	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	265 †	-1	6.7	3.2	56.7
254	212	-do- Oseas	253	...	4.0	2.0	69.4
233	203	Foreign & Col	232	...	3.3	1.8	63.2
210	164	-do- Eurotst	191	-1½	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	99	...	0.5	0.6	...
279	191	-do- Pacific	274	-2	1.9	0.9	...
150	116	-do- Smaller	149½	...	1.8	1.5	∞
233	145	GT Japan	226	-2	...	0.6	...
139	65	Genl Cons Cap	139	+1	...	...	...
125½	96½	-do- Inc	111	...	...	9.5	11.5
145	115	Govett Atl Smlr	139	...	...	...	...
291	184	-do- Oriental	284	-4	0.9	0.4	...
259	207	-do- Strategy	259	...	...	3.3	35.8
373	340	Greenfriar	369	...	6.3	2.2	55.4
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
154	126	Inv Cap	130	...	5.1	4.9	26.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4625	1800	Am Gold	4550	-71¼	...	4.6	21.9
1487½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1487½	...	...	6.2	∞
3050	1125	Ang Am	1912½	-99½	...	3.7	∞
22½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	22½	...	...	...	...
114	33	Blyvoors	106	-1	...	5.8	5.8
41	18	Bracken	35	...	...	...	2.0
710	233	Buffels	672	-14	...	5.9	16.6
684	546	CRA	578	-8	...	3.6	∞
1181½	762½	De Beers	1106½	-6½	...	4.4	14.9
138	37½	Deelkraal	125	-8	...	4.8	6.8
867	388	Driefontein	830	-28	...	4.0	15.2
4987½	1800	Vaal Reefs	4800	-187½	...	4.6	8.2
500	154	Welkom	477	-8	...	7.1	14.1
218	26	Western Areas	212	-6	...	...	...
1937½	587½	Western Deep	1900	-37½	...	3.3	8.7
263	176	Witrn Mining	252	-1	...	...	...
793	323	Winkels	780	-6	...	1.3	6.4
84	56	Zambia Copper	66	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	63	...	...	1.1	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
243	233	Abbey Panels	243	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	118 †	...	3.0	3.2	11.4
131	82	Appleyard	129	...	3.2	5.0	...
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	268	...	...	4.1	13.2
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
429	165	Br Aerospace	393	-2	7.0	2.2	...
328	303	Caffyns	308 †	...	11.5	4.7	62.3
9½	4½	Caverdale	8½	+½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	140	...	...	3.6	35.6
29	18	Cook (DC)	25	...	...	...	...
241	156	Cowie (T)	241	+2	6.2	3.2	18.4
110	86	Dag Motors	103	-1	5.7	7.0	18.6
142	102½	Davnprt Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
264	155	ERF	236	...	2.0	1.1	...
117	92	European Mtr	115	...	3.5	3.9	∞
323	208	Evans Halshaw	323	+2	11.2	4.4	49.8
290	226	FR Group	271	-1	...	3.3	12.6
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3450 †	+6¼	...	...	...
3968½	2143½	General Mtr	3962½	+43¼	...	1.7	...
60	38	Gowrings	59	...	2.0	4.2	...
187	85	Henlys	187	+7	3.0	2.0	...
875	650	Honda Motor	785	-24	...	0.7	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	94	...	4.5	6.0	...
151	97	Kwik-Fit	146	...	...	2.9	26.1
379	281	Lex Service	379	...	...	3.5	20.7
139	85	Lookers	139	+4	6.2	5.7	...
152	126	Lucas	136	-1	7.0	6.4	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.3	20.8
193	106	Perry Gp	193	...	6.0	3.9	...
166	108	Quicks Group	166	+1	...	3.4	21.2
153	99	Rolls-Royce	143½	...	...	4.4	...
201	161	Trinity Hldgs	193 †	...	...	3.6	∞
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
190	121	Westland	189 †	...	4.2	2.8	16.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	108	Adscene	136	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
333	315	Black (A&C)	333	+5	13.5	5.1	∞
608	423	Blenheim Gp	425	...	...	2.6	15.8
370	275	Bristol	345 †	...	11.7	4.3	∞
£102	7775	Daily Mail	£101¼	...	130	1.6	22.9
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£101¼	+25	130	1.6	22.9
305	291	Dorling Kind	295	...	...	1.3	28.2
373	328	EMAP	366 †	+1	...	2.7	22.1
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1070	+7	29.5	3.4	24.1
237	170	Harrington K	217 †	...	4.5	2.6	17.7
368	233	Haynes Pub	365	...	6.0	2.1	15.7
365	355	Hodder H'line	355 †	...	5.0	1.6	∞
140	105	Home Counts	120	...	6.0	6.3	∞
12½	3	Ind Bus Comm	10½	-½	...	...	18.2
9	6½	Int Cm & Data	7½	...	...	...	...
350	240	Independent	350	...	...	3.6	15.7
548	395	Johnston Press	548	+1	6.2	1.4	23.7
288	243	Metal Bulletin	281	...	8.0	3.6	19.8
184	88	Mirror Gp	159	...	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	335	-3	...	0.3	22.5
240	169	News Intl	215	+1	...	0.6	14.9
483	354	Pearson	481	+1	...	3.1	29.3
675	510	Portsmth Sund	665 †	-3	9.4	1.8	∞
686	618	Reed Int	666	-6	...	3.2	29.0
148	98	Southnews	145 †	...	...	1.6	26.8
137	90	Sterling Pub	137	...	...	2.3	45.2
401	328	Telegraph	394	+1	...	3.5	16.5
825	715	Thomson Corp	800	...	25.4	4.0	∞
377	313	Trinity Intl	372	-1	8.7	2.9	22.3
39	34	Unit Groups	36	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Newspapes	574	-11	...	4.8	16.5

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Petr	17½	...	...	...	...
35½	17	Aran Energy	32	...	...	...	31.2
61	40	Arcon Intl	43	...	...	...	...
68½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	68½	+½	...	...	...
70	26	Aviva Pet	70	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12	...	...	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	163	-1	7.1	5.4	4.9
330	276	British Gas	298½	-1	14.2	5.9	14.4
336	225	Br Petroleum	304	+½	10.5	4.3	47.9
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castl	716	-4	...	4.4	16.7
65	32	Cairn Energy	60	-1	...	...	8.6
268	223	Calor Gp	235	-1	...	6.4	19.6
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	53½	+½	...	...	...
35	27	Coplex Res	28½	-½	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	19	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	483	-1	16.0	4.1	50.6
88	47	Exp Co Louis	50	+1	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	24½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	62½	+½	1.4	2.8	12.0
46	18	Gt Western Res	44	...	...	...	...
169	108	Hardy O & G	162 †	...	1.0	0.8	∞
46	18½	Intl Energy	43	...	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	160	+1	3.3	2.6	32.4

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	74	...	3.5	6.0	63.0
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
94	54	Asda	89	...	2.1	2.9	9.4
139	88	Avonside	137	...	4.0	3.6	19.2
2037½	2062½	BCE	2287½	-87½	...	...	...
602	396	Bilton	580	-5	18.9	4.1	21.0
55	23	Bourne End	55	...	1.0	2.3	...
213	150	Bradford	198 †	...	5.4	3.4	∞
23	12	Bredero	12	...	...	...	1.1
335	166½	Br Land	328	+3	...	2.7	33.3
206	140½	Brixton	186	+3	...	5.6	14.7
72½	42	Burford	69 †	-1	...	2.1	...
156	99	Cap & Regnl	152	...	...	0.9	∞
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
375	196	Chesterfield	373	...	11.0	3.7	26.7
33	12	City Site Ests	31	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	0.3	...	5.1
39	10	Clayform	35	+½	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Rbtsl GS	45	...	...	1.4	...
1128	818	Daejan	1123	...	25.0	2.8	17.5
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Twsn	96	+3	3.0	4.0	∞
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	70	Dencora	140	...	3.0	2.7	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	483	-5	8.6	2.2	80.2
55	25	Dwyer	54	...	...	...	...
252	170	Estates Agency	250	...	3.0	...	22.9
27	7½	Estates Gen	15½	...	...	...	...
171	132	Evans Of Leeds	168	-2	4.1	3.1	16.1
27½	11	Five Oaks	27½	...	...	...	...
55	30	Fletcher King	55	+1	1.0	2.3	∞
436	285	Frogmore	397	...	...	4.9	22.4
200	97	Grainger	197	+2	5.2	3.4	43.8
205	120	Gr Portland	170 †	-3	...	7.0	16.6
26½	7½	Greycoat	21	+½	5.2	...	...
145	101	HK Land	137	-3	...	4.8	∞
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	61	...	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	326 †	-1	10.0	3.8	30.0
353	245	-do- 'A'	297 †	-1	10.0	4.2	30.7
223	127	Helical Bar	223	...	...	2.7	...
31	19	Hemingway	29	...	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	72	+1	3.7	6.5	∞
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
597	435	Land Sec	590	+2	22.8	4.8	17.8
99	73	Lon Merch Sec	94	+1	3.8	5.1	14.9
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
442½	315½	MEPC	400	+2	...	6.3	17.2
9	5	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	122	-3	6.7	...	20.0
7½	3	Markheath	7	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	45	+1	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	...	...
1150	775	Mountview	1075	...	20.0	2.4	∞
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	144	-1	5.9	5.1	20.2
46	30	Olive Hldgs	35	-1	1.5	5.4	...
10½	4	Ossory Est	4½	...	0.1	...	1.3
131	88	PSIT	126	-1	3.7	3.7	25.1
211	138	Peel	208	...	3.0	1.8	...
16	8	Power Corp	10	...	...	...	1.1
41	22	Property Trust	32	...	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	3	+½	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	18	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	∞
37	16	St Modwen Prp	32	...	0.6	2.3	24.4
70	39	Savills	58	-2	...	...	...
82	34	Scot Met	74	...	1.5	...	...
96	39	Shaftesbury	94	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	...
224	139½	Slough Estates	205	+2	...	4.9	14.3
82	56	Southend Prop	65	...	4.1	8.0	12.8
30	16	Stanhope Prps	23	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	173	...	2.0	1.4	43.9
116	79	Town Centre	107	...	3.1	3.6	20.0
72	43	Trafford Park	67	...	2.5	4.8	18.1
66	30	UK Land	30	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	7	...	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	220	...	10.5	6.0	30.1
202	168	Warnford	195	...	7.5	4.9	∞
8	3½	Waterglade	3½	...	...	...	...
62	35	Wates	61	...	0.7	1.6	...
76	40	Wood John D	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	16	...	...	...	...
157	86	Headlam	154	-1	...	2.1	34.0
300	330	Lambert	383	...	13.0	4.2	9.4
100	71	Pittards	71	-4	2.0	3.5	20.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.8
160	89	Stylo	158	...	...	2.4	59.3
55	53	UK Safety	53	...	...	23.8	1.7

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
495	408	Allied Text	493	...	12.6	3.2	15.8
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	+2	4.7	...	12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
165	141	Br Mohair	160	...	8.5	6.6	∞
22	15	Charnwell	22	...	0.4	2.3	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	330	...	7.2	2.7	20.6
601	522	Courtauld Text	539	...	13.6	3.2	14.8
53½	24½	Cupid	29	...	...	...	...
248½	208	Dawson	209 †	...	...	5.4	15.9
30	22	Drummond	27	...	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	31	...	...	...	...
72	65	Fuppels	68	...	...	9.4	∞
34	15	Foster (John)	22	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	∞
186	156	Hicking Pntest	183	...	4.0	2.8	∞
59	45	Jerome (S)	50	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	345 †	-4	12.0	4.3	22.8
506	353½	Leeds	477	...	...	1.9	23.0
42	15	Lister	34	-2	0.1	0.4	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	80	...	4.9	7.7	9.1
180	89	Magellan	159	...	1.4	1.1	...
140	69	Parkland 'A'	140	+1	2.0	1.8	...
102½	82	Readicut	95 †	...	3.4	4.5	∞
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	90	+1	5.1	7.2	15.8
70	44	Stirling Gp	66	+2	1.8	3.6	∞
51	40	Stoddard	40	...	1.5	4.8	∞
312	250	Tomkinsons	296	...	11.3	4.9	25.5
62½	32½	West Trust	40	...	...	7.8	...
417	252	Yorklyde	381	...	10.4	3.4	12.5

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	421½	-7	...	5.5	15.8
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	702	-2	...	2.1	14.6

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	349	Assoc Br Ports	423	+4	...	2.5	...
813	708½	BAA	730 †	-1	...	2.7	19.1
312	249	Br Airways	304 †	-4	...	4.4	16.6
106	56	Clarkson (H)	87 †	...	1.5	2.2	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	405	+5	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155 †	...	...	0.8	∞
193	147	Jacobs (JI)	192	...	...	5.2	10.1
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	31	...	0.5	2.0	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	84	...	...	1.5	16.2
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2150	...	4.5	0.3	11.7
349	280	Mersey Docks	342	...	7.5	2.7	23.9
210	181	Natl Express	202	...	...	4.4	14.5
284	238	NFC	247	...	6.5	3.3	18.6
302	244	Ocean Group	294	-3	...	6.1	24.4
65	40	Ocean Wilson	59 †	-1	4.0	8.5	10.7
649	504	P & O Dfd	616	-9	...	6.2	33.4
152	127	P & O 5 1/2%	150	-1	...	4.6	...
555	448	Powell Duffryn	536 †	+2	...	5.3	20.8
140	117	Seacon	136	...	...	4.7	6.6
139	112	Stagecoach	131	...	...	3.6	16.8
43	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
50½	31½	TNT	50½	...	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	723	...	11.8	2.0	27.7
382	173	Tiphook	322	-10	17.3	6.7	6.4
298	230	TDG	230	...	9.5	5.2	...

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	481	+3	...	5.7	9.5
652	547	Northumbrian	554 †	+5	...	5.1	5.9
533	431½	North West	472 †	+1	...	5.7	8.4
533	439	Severn Trent	461½	-½	...	5.7	6.8
554	454	Sthrn Water	481 †	+3	...	5.5	7.5
1350	1225	Sth Staffs	1310 †	+5	47.0	4.5	∞
569	468	South West	496 †	+5	...	6.0	8.1
563	454	Thames Water	473 †	+5	...	5.5	8.9
612	506	Welsh Water	572	-2	21.4	4.7	6.6
649	536	Wessex Water	567 †	+1	...	4.7	8.9
503	473½	Yorkshire W	481 †	...	...	5.4	8.4

Source: Finstat

● USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	399	East Midlands	449½	+3½	...	5.6	7.5
496	399	Eastern Elect	472	+8	16.7	4.4	11.7
356	304	Hydro-Elect	341	+1	...	4.3	12.1
500½	404	London Elect	455	+2	16.8	4.6	8.8
549	458	Manweb	520	+6	...	5.1	7.4
514	425½	Midlands Elec	481	+9	17.2	4.5	10.1
549	440	Northern Elec	519	+5	...	5.2	7.3
544	435	Norweb	495	+6	...	5.2	7.4
337	285	Scottish Power	320	+1	...	4.5	11.6
539	436	Seeboard	520	+10	...	4.9	8.2
571	469	Sth Wales	536	+6	...	5.4	8.7
532	420	Sth Western	484	+9	...	5.3	7.4
496	406	Southern Elec	471½	+8½	16.6	4.4	9.3
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	512	+10	...	5.1	9.3
370	273	National Powr	359 †	+1	...	3.6	11.2
388	273	PowerGen	387	+1	...	3.4	10.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	50	...	0.5	...	31.9
97	47	BWD	96	...	...	4.2	15.0

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103⁵⁄₁₆	100	Treas 12½% 1993	100 †	...	12.50	...
100¼	99⁹⁄₁₆	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.64
106⅞	101½	Treas 13½% 1993	103⁹⁄₁₆	-1⁄16	13.33	5.54
102⅝	101⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 8¼% 1994	101¹⁹⁄₃₂xd	...	8.35	5.62
109⅜	105⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 14½% 1994	105⁷⁄₁₆	-1⁄16	13.71	5.58
109⅞	106½	Exch 13½% 1994	106¼	...	12.69	5.54
105⅝	103⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 10% 1994	103⁹⁄₁₆	...	9.62	5.61
110⅞	107⅝	Exch 12½% 1994	107⁷⁄₁₆	...	11.62	5.70
105⁵⁄₁₆	103⅝	Treas 9% 1994	104⁷⁄₁₆	...	8.64	5.80
111⅝	108⅛	Treas 12% 1995	109⅛	...	11.00	5.88
96¼	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96¼	...	3.12	5.31
109¼	107⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⁹⁄₁₆	...	9.50	6.08
116⅝	113¼	Treas 12¾% 1995	114⅜	...	11.17	6.34
120¼	117⅛	Treas 14% 1996	117⁵⁄₁₆	...	11.91	6.45
125⅛	121⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 15¼% 1996	122⅛	...	12.49	6.57
120⅛	116¼	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅛	...	11.32	6.61
111½	108⅛	Conv 10% 1996	109⁹⁄₁₆	+1⁄16	9.10	6.67
122⅝	118⁵⁄₁₆	Treas 13¼% 1997	119⅝	...	11.07	6.88
113⅛	110⁹⁄₁₆	Exch 10½% 1997	111⁵⁄₁₆	...	9.41	6.83
108⁵⁄₁₆	105⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	106⅛	...	8.21	6.86
132⅛	127⅝	Exch 15% 1997	129⅜	...	11.65	7.13
112⅜	108⅜	Exch 9¾% 1998	110⅛	...	8.83	7.04
103⅜	99⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	101⅛	...	7.15	6.86
101	97⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99⅝	...	6.79	6.89
129⅛	125⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	126⅝	...	11.07	7.45

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136⁹⁄₁₆	133⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	135⅛	...	11.45	7.27
122¼	118⅛	Exch 12% 1998	120⅛	+⅛	9.98	7.28
112⅛	108⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	110⅛	...	8.63	7.30
124⅝	120⅝	Exch 12¼% 1999	122⅛	...	10.04	7.45
117⅛	112⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	115	...	9.13	7.32
117⅛	112⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	114⅝	...	8.95	7.39
110⅝	106	Conv 9% 2000	108⅛	...	8.27	7.32
131	125½	Treas 13% 2000	128⅛	-⅛	10.12	7.60
115⅝	109⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 10% 2001	113⅛	-⅛	8.81	7.63
114⅝	108¼	Treas 9¾% 2002	112⅛	-⅛	8.64	7.76
103⅝	97⅛	Treas 8% 2003	102⅛	-⅛	7.82	7.69
116⅝	109½	Treas 10% 2003	114⅛	-⅛	8.70	7.84
122⅛	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120⅛	-⅛	9.55	7.00
74⅝	67⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72⅛	-⅛	4.80	7.07
112½	105¼	Conv 9½% 2004	111⅛	-⅛	8.52	7.92
112⅝	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	111⅛	-¼	8.51	7.95
137½	129⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129⅝	-⅛	9.63	8.17
101⅝	94⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06	100⅛	-⅛	7.96	7.96
125⅝	118⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123⅝	-⅛	9.50	8.13
104⅝	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	104⅛	-⅛	8.17	8.01
139½	131⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135⅛	-⅛	9.93	8.18

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
108⁵⁄₁₆	101½	Treas 9% 2008	108¼	-¼	8.30	8.11
99⅛	92⅛	Treas 8% 2009	99⅛	-⅛	8.05	8.07
108⅛	100½	Conv 9% 2011	108⅛xd	-⅛	8.31	8.11
108⅛	100⅝	Treas 9% 2012	108½	-⅛	8.30	8.13
77⅛	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	76⅝	-⅛	7.17	7.89
97⅛	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96⅛	-⅛	8.07	8.14
99⅛	92⅛	Treas 8% 2013	98⅛	-⅛	8.11	8.14
135⅛	125⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	139⅛	-¼	8.87	8.36
106⅛	97⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	105⅛	-⅛	8.26	8.18

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
43⅛	38½	War Ln 3½%	42⅛	...	8.27	...
30½	27⅛	Treas 2½%	30½	+⅛	8.16	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134⅛	131⅛	Treas IL 2% 1994	134⅛	+⅛	...	1.16
197½	194⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	197	+⅛	2.01	2.83
109⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108⅛	+⅛	2.36	2.98
166½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅛	+⅛	3.09	3.25
163⅛	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162⅛	+⅛	2.00	3.20
111⅛	108½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	110⅛	+⅛	3.07	3.36
170⅛	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	168⅛	+⅛	3.10	3.33
154⅛	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	154	+⅛	3.26	3.46
159⅛	148⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	159⅛	+⅛	3.32	3.51
131½	122⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	131⅛	+⅛	3.37	3.54
139⅛	130⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2016	139⅛	+⅛	3.44	3.60
137⅛	124⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2020	137⅛	+⅛	3.50	3.63
111½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	111⅛	+⅛	3.50	3.63
111⅛	105½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	111⅛	+⅛	3.50	3.63

One man may soon hold the nation's main news medium in his palm. **Alexandra Frean** reports

Adjusting the BBC news

If the Independent Television Network succeeds in turning *News at Ten* into an early evening programme it will effectively hand BBC1 a monopoly in the field of prime-time network television news. It will also put Tony Hall, managing director of news and current affairs at the BBC, in arguably the most influential editorial position in the country.

Surprisingly, Mr Hall describes this as a "tragedy."

"It is folly for the ITV companies to think of moving an institution that is as well-known as *News at Ten*. The public is best served by having strong news programmes on both main channels and so do we. I happen to think that the BBC's *Nine O'Clock News* is better, but we need the competition of an ITV news at 10pm," he says.

Mr Hall really means it. A BBC man for 20 years, he is steeped in the public service ethos and believes that television and radio newscasters have a moral duty not only to report events, but also to interpret and "make sense" of them.

He does nevertheless see the turmoil surrounding the ITV schedule as the perfect opportunity for the Corporation to steal a march on its main rival and to win back, with a number of initiatives, some of the viewers it has lost to ITN.

The most noticeable changes to the viewer will be the major reshuffle of presenters. Although largely cosmetic, the changes are among the most dramatic as they will affect the line-up of the entire news output.

Mr Hall refuses to comment on individual presenters, but within the BBC it is understood that they will include the replacement of Martyn Lewis on the *Nine O'Clock News* by Peter Sissons, who currently presents the *Six O'Clock News* and *Question Time*.

"The presenters are our link with the viewer or listener. They have to have authority and to be courteous. It is a very difficult role indeed and we have to find the right match of people for the appropriate programme," he said.









Changing faces: if *News at Ten* disappears, the BBC's Tony Hall (left) will become doubly influential. Right, from top, Martyn Lewis, Peter Sissons, Nicholas Witchell

Lewis's warmth, friendliness and love of good news is said to be his undoing. His style is believed to be better suited to an earlier programme, although he has already made it clear that he is not prepared to host the *Breakfast News* programme.

Replacing him on the *Nine* with Sissons would solve another problem. He is believed to be unhappy on *Question Time*, which has lost an estimated 300,000 viewers since he took over the chair from Robin Day in 1990.

Having put in four years as host of BBC1's *Breakfast News*, Nicholas Witchell is also due for a move after four gruelling years presenting the *Breakfast News*, perhaps to a more "grown-up" programme like the *Six O'Clock News*.

First on the list of innovations is the 360-second documentary. The idea is to show a series of three-minute news programme "snacks", dotted about the peak-time schedule. Each would provide a beginner's guide to a topical issue. In the case of former Yugoslavia that might mean one programme on Marshal Tito, and another explaining why there is such an important Muslim community in Bosnia.

"You have to surprise people and to find new ways of interesting them in the stuff, such as background information, that they usually consider boring but which many of them would like to understand," Mr Hall says.

Another plan is to organise two or three major multi-media programmes each year. Each programme or "event" on television would be linked with local and national radio phone-ins and would deal with an issue of public concern, such as the killing of two-year-old Jamie Bulger in February.

"That tragedy affected the whole national psyche," Mr Hall says. I would like to seize moments like that to explore what they mean in terms of law and order and our attitude to children."

The first such "event" is planned for later this year and is likely to concentrate on public spending.

Mr Hall is also planning to increase the breadth of BBC news reporting in an attempt to make broadcast news as varied as newspaper coverage. He will start by concentrating more on science and technology and regional stories.

There will also be a new and stronger commitment to foreign news. To ensure that overseas stories are not neglected even at times of great domestic turmoil, the *Six O'Clock News* will concentrate on domestic news and the *Nine* on world events.

Taking to heart growing public pressure for more good news, Mr Hall will also aim to provide more a positive output."Two weeks ago our reporter Justin Webb did a moving story from Bosnia about British soldiers who moved a Muslim family to safety. We should reflect more moments of enormous compassion like this in the midst of all the horror," he says.

The evidence is that the BBC desperately needs this raft of changes. Although the *Nine O'Clock News* often beats the *News at Ten* on major stories — on May 27 when Norman Lamont resigned the Nine had an audience of 6.9 million, compared to 5 million who watched the *News at Ten* — its peak programme is slipping behind ITV's.

An average of 6.3 million people watched the *Nine* in the first quarter of 1993, compared to 6.9 people for *News at Ten*.

Where are the young tabloid readers?

It is normal for journals to lose circulation in a slump, so one's first impulse would be to regard the decline in national daily readership over the past few years with some equanimity. When the green shoots finally grow, lost readers will return to the fold, wagging their tails behind them. But a more detailed study of the market casts severe doubt on this comforting hypothesis, and suggests that the popular dailies in particular are suffering from a deep-seated malaise which affects them more than any other type of journal.

Popular papers are suffering badly from falling circulation

The basic facts are simple. Five years ago 69 per cent of the population read a national daily. This figure is now 60 per cent, a fall of 12 per cent. This is more than double the rate of decline in national Sunday newspapers or those regional evenings measured by the National Readership Survey, and contrasts vividly with women's weekly magazines, normally regarded as the sort of luxury to be cut in a slump, where readership has increased significantly.

This is obviously bad news for the dailies, but there are some crumbs of comfort. It seems very unlikely that the fall in daily readership stems from inescapable social trends such as the decline in educational standards or the triumph of electronic culture, since these would have affected all types of journal equally. There is no reason to believe on present evidence that the print media as a whole are on an inevitable downward course. The problem is strictly one for the dailies to solve and indeed, specifically for one sector of that market.

The quality dailies have suffered in the depression, but not to a greater extent that one might have expected, while the mid-market titles (*Mail*, *Express* and *Today*) have held their readership surprisingly well. The big falls have concentrated at the popular end of the market (*Sun*, *Mirror* and *Star*), which have all been hard hit over the past few years. This trend is perhaps mirrored (no pun intended) to a lesser extent in the Sunday press, where again the biggest losers have been the populars (NoW, Mirror and People), and they should be keeping a worried eye on developments, but the popular dailies seem to be at the centre of the infection.

Their woes are compounded by an examination of the source of their readership losses. These occur disproportionately among the young and the relatively affluent (the two social groups showing the greatest falls are C1 and B). Indeed, if one produced an Identikit picture of the lost reader, he would be a 30-year-old C1 living in Birmingham, which would be precisely a description of the type of reader newspapers are most anxious to retain.

Change in national daily readership (%) (any daily)

	1987-92	1991-92
All adults	-12	-3
15-24	-13	-3
25-34	-17	-7
35-44	-12	-3
45-54	-11	-3
55-64	-9	-3
65+	0	2

Change in daily readership by class 1987-92

	(%)
All adults	-12
A	-11
B	-12
C1	-15
C2	-10
D	-10
E	-7

Increase in TV viewing, 1987-92 (%)

	All adults	15-34
All TV	3	14
ITV	1	11

Change in women's weeklies readership 1987-92 (%)

All adults	15
15-24	17
25-34	39
35-44	21
45-54	12
55-64	11
65+	7

We are left with an intractable problem. We know what sort of readers are vanishing from which journals, but every attempt to produce a statistically verifiable explanation of the pattern breaks down as we find other types of journal proving unexpectedly resistent to readership loss.

This provides an excellent example of the limitations of statistics as a determinant of success in the newspaper business. The figures can map the trends in an existing situation, but they are no help in indicating the path to the mould-breaking journalistic success story. Throughout this century we have seen quantum leaps in popular journalism take place about every 20 or 25 years, beginning with Northcliffe's *Daily Mail* at the turn of the century, the *Express* in the Twenties, the *Mirror* in the Forties and Murdoch's *Sun* at the end of the Sixties. Each of these developments shifted the entire popular newspaper scene closer to a rapidly changing public taste.

But almost quarter of a century has past since that last leap, and nothing subsequently has struck a similar chord. Until someone comes up with an imaginative and radical new concept for a popular daily newspaper, I fear that the young will continue to seep away, leaving yesterday's newspapers to yesterday's men.

The challenge is clear, but there is little sign as yet of anyone capable of taking it up, and until someone does, most of the news on the popular daily front is likely to continue to be bad.

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Richard Morrison meets Michael Berkeley, composer of a new opera based on Rudyard Kipling's hideous childhood

How the arch-jingoist got his scars

For a racist, imperialist, alleged paedophile who died more than half a century ago, Rudyard Kipling continues to exert a surprising pull on the British imagination. Once, he was notorious as the Poet of Empire, the triumphalist *sans pareil*, the jingoist who eulogised "thin red 'eroes" in mock-cockney verse. This simplistic image has long since been superseded. Nowadays, even the most liberal literary critics talk excitedly of the prescient power of Kipling's visionary writing, the intense, tragic quality of his first world war poetry, the complex Victorian pessimism that is every bit as haunting as Conrad's in *Heart of Darkness* or Matthew Arnold's in *Dover Beach*.

Even Kipling's Anglocentric world-view — his fascination with the moral dilemmas and obligations involved in taking up the "white man's burden" — seems curiously topical again. Understanding so well the logic behind British gunboat diplomacy of the late 19th century, Kipling might even have made sense of American missile diplomacy in the late 20th.

Meanwhile, his *Jungle Book*, transmogrified by Walt Disney but not essentially altered in spirit, has beguiled a new generation of children. And for the delectation of the more broad-minded mums and dads, there is the farrago of Freudian speculations in Martin Seymour-Smith's 1989 Kipling biography: that Kipling was a sado-masochist; that the obsession in his writing with imposing white men's laws and customs upon "the pore benighted 'eathen" suggests a subconscious struggle to repress the dark instincts within himself; that he only married because he had a homosexual affair with his future bride's brother; that writing *Kim* proves that he was aroused by beautiful boys ... and so on, for page after lurid page. No wonder Kipling is back on university reading lists.

And now, here comes Kipling the Opera. "One of the things I found most exciting about the project", says Michael Berkeley, its composer, "was that my search for a librettist revealed several really interesting writers — Peter Porter, Craig Raine, Tony Harrison, David Malouf — all keen to put the record straight about Kipling." Malouf, the Australian novelist, was Berkeley's choice.

The resulting opera is called *Baa Baa Black Sheep*, after the Kipling short story of that name. It will be premiered on Saturday by Opera North at the Cheltenham Festival, and it will do absolutely nothing to stem the flood of prurient curiosity about the man. For *Baa Baa Black Sheep* traces the roots of Kipling's creativity to the abuse that he suffered (or later maintained that he suffered) as a small boy. "The fascinating thing about this autobiographical story," Berkeley says, "is that suddenly all those elements of cruelty and revenge in his later writing are explained."

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Indeed they are, if you choose to read the story in a particular way. Thinly veiled as fiction, *Baa Baa Black Sheep* relates how the six-year-old Kipling and his sister ("Punch" and "Judy" in the story) are separated from their parents and sent from India back to Britain for a "proper" English education. They enter the House of Desolation: their guardian is the frightful Auntirosa who takes an instant dislike to the bumptious Punch and allows her own son, Harry, to bully him mercilessly.

Kipling's parents did eventually rescue him, but in the story Kipling ends with the grim observation that "when young lips have drunk deep of the bitter waters of Hate, Suspicion and Despair, all the Love in the world will not wholly take away that knowledge". Berkeley maintains that the episode scarred Kipling as a person, even while it formed him as a writer.

"The change in this boy's life must have been incredible: from being at the centre of everyone's attention in India, which he loved, to being abused and hit and put in a corner. Later, in *Something of Myself*, Kipling wrote that it was during this traumatic experience that he first had the idea of a child being accepted as an outcast by the animals in the jungle."

And this is what gave Berkeley and Malouf their cue. The opera is not simply a straightforward narration of the short story: it also interweaves episodes from *The Jungle Book*, as if reaching into the nascent imagination of the boy Kipling. "We felt that *The Jungle Book* had an extraordinary psychological relevance to this childhood trauma," says Berkeley. "What must have appealed to Kipling about 'animal law' is that it doesn't have any premeditated cruelty. *The Jungle Book* may have been his subconscious way of coming to terms with the calculated cruelty he experienced."

Having made the initial connection, Berkeley and Malouf were able to link the characters in *Baa Baa Black Sheep* with their alter egos in *The Jungle Book*. Punch becomes Mowgli; Judy becomes Grey Wolf; Harry the bully becomes Sheer Khan the tiger (who is finally slain by Mowgli: the ultimate act of fantasy vengeance). So a dramatic tension was conceived: between stultifying England and instinctive India; between human and animal; between real abuse and imagined revenge.

"The terrible thing about the story", Berkeley says, "is that by the end the Punch/Mowgli figure is an outcast in both worlds. *Baa Baa Black Sheep* is really about the loneliness of a child, and how that loneliness can produce an extraordinary feat of imagination. This meaning will, I hope, transcend the actual circumstances of Kipling's Victorian childhood. One could point out, although this is not something I would make a great deal of, that child abuse is as common in society today as then."

Apart from writing what Berkeley believes to be "the biggest singing role for a boy in operatic history" (two trebles from the Manchester Boys' Choir will alternate in the role at Cheltenham), the composer also decided to differentiate between English and Indian worlds by incorporating Far Eastern instruments into the traditional Western orchestra. "I didn't want to use Indian music as such: it is so sophisticated that I would only have ended up writing terrible pastiche. Instead, I have adopted some elements of a Javanese gamelan. Call it artistic licence. At the end, the two musical worlds collide: there is a sense that the gamelan music is destroyed, or at least polluted, by Western ideas."

The opera is the biggest thing Berkeley has ever undertaken. He started it in 1987, and it has produced two much-praised offshoots along the way: the Clarinet Concerto and the instrumental work *Entertaining Master Punch*. "I think it's been time well spent, because an opera should not be undertaken lightly," Berkeley says. "Now I'm at the stage when I'm feeling slightly paranoid about how it's going to be staged. It's a little like giving birth to a baby and yet not being there at the delivery."

TED BATH



Inspiration: Michael Berkeley, composer of *Baa Baa Black Sheep*, comes face to canvas with Kipling in the National Portrait Gallery

● *Baa Baa Black Sheep will be at the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham (0242 227979) on Saturday and July 7 and 9, with further performances scheduled for Leeds in the autumn, when it will be broadcast by BBC Television*

TELEVISION REVIEW

Devil at work in idle brains

Anyone sceptical about the concept of False Memory Syndrome needed only to watch five minutes of last night's Viewpoint 93: *In Satan's Name* (ITV) to give up their objection. "I suppose the most vivid memory I have," said one woman, matter-of-factly, "is of being three years old, taken out by the railway tracks, where they murdered a hobo and used certain parts of his body to initiate me, so that I was called the Bride of Satan."

Mmm, thinks the viewer, yes, I suppose that *would* be the most vivid memory you had. I mean, compared with being married to Satan, other notable childhood events — your first ice lolly, for example — would obviously pall in significance.

False Memory Syndrome is the polite term given to recollections of child abuse that never took place. Anthony Thomas's weird, incomplete but nevertheless alarming investigation into so-called Satanism in America and Britain kept bumping into therapy group members, usually women, who honestly believed they housed umpteen personalities, most of which had been ravaged by the Devil (embodied in their parents) and forced to eat babies.

Significantly, they had usually entered therapy in the first place because of a simple boyfriend problem or eating disorder. Coming out with full-blown deluded madness, then, seemed like pretty hard lines: like going into hospital with an in-grown toenail, and coming out the victim of a bus accident.

"I was covered with faeces and sewer sludge and the ashes of dead babies, and put in and out of a furnace." These claims went on and on. What nobody ever said (least of all the whispered, added-on-afterwards interview voice) was, "All right, then: so what made *you* the lucky one?" It is a cruel question, but you can't help asking it. Time and again, we heard from glassy-eyed Californians (heading such organisations as the LA Ritual Abuse Task Force), that the Devil wouldn't stop until he had attained world supremacy. So why was he bothering with these miserable nobodies first? Why wasn't he hot-footing it to the White House?

The sweeping generalisations which kicked off the programme were shameful sub-tabloid rubbish. "Satan seems to have captured the popular imagination in a manner unprecedented in modern times ... The young call upon his name, and worship at his altar." Thomas then hedged his bets a little, but it served him right if most viewers switched over.

As representative of the Satanic "young", Thomas interviewed three stupid kids and one solitary murderer, who called himself Damien and happily admitted he had seen *Omen* more times than was strictly healthy. But what Thomas was really uncovering was nothing to do with Satan, and he knew it: it concerned instead the shocking suggestibility of people in therapy, where (as the saying goes) an idle brain is the Devil's workshop.

The sight of people in distress — moaning, screaming, growling like a dog — has never before evoked so little pity. These people should be slapped and sent home. "That woman is not possessed!" I yelled. "She is doing an impression of Sigourney Weaver in *Ghostbusters*!" The sensational claims made by Thomas's fruitcake interviewees (that ten per cent of the British population is involved in Satanic rituals; that the Royal Family are involved) neither menaced nor impressed: they merely reinforced a conviction that here was a useful journalistic story dressed up for the *National Enquirer*.

LYNNE TRUSS



Danny Baker: rapidly becoming required morning listening

RADIO: Danny Baker, motormouth supreme, is just one of Radio 5's successes

Is this the morning star?

Danny Baker is the new name to listen out for in the morning. This 36-year-old wit is the chief talker on *Morning Edition*, Radio 5's chat-with-the-cornflakes show, and lately he has been acquiring a very strong following.

What the programme is about it is hard to say. You get the weather, the news, the travel and the sport, although Baker is always trying to fight them off and stop them interrupting him. Now and then he tells you the time, somewhat disdainfully: "It's 30 seconds past ten to seven, if that means anything to you." He plays offbeat records, not hesitating to interrupt them himself if a thought strikes him: during a weepy song containing the chorus "I don't want to lose you", a deep voice breaks in: "Radio 5 keeps you safe from miserable loners."

He throws out questions — "What was Dustin Hoffman's first film?", "What film has the best rock 'n' roll sequence in it?", "Come on, tell us what it was like at Glastonbury" — and frequently mocks his listeners' taste or impugns their motives when they ring in and answer. (However, they always get a present, such as a *Sergeant Bilko* video, from the "huge backlog of consumer durables" in his "Aladdin's cave".)

There is a touch of Woody Allen about him — he is always being taken aback, and recovering with a dazed gag — and if he has a good joke he keeps it going. Last week it was his plan for the Winter Olympics, with events like the four-men dog-shampooing, writing your name in the snow and trouserless karaoke. He is at it, ad libbing all the way, from 6.30am to 9am, when Schools Broadcasting abruptly takes over.

But what is he doing there? What is this Radio 5 that has crept up on listeners without them quite realising it? Pat Ewing, who used to be head of sport, is controller of the channel. She says it began when the BBC was being pressed, three years ago, to confine each of its channels to one wavelength, so that more wavelengths would be available for commercial radio. This resulted in Radio 2 losing its alternative wavelength for sport, and Radio 4 losing its educational broadcasting. A home had to be found for those, and Radio 5 was invented to provide it.

Sport (like Wimbledon all day) and education have made up most of its programmes ever since. But, in its remaining time, Radio 5 was charged to provide "speech output" for children and young people, a complement to the "music output" on Radio 1. Out of that bleak brief, it has created not only the Baker show, but also a whole wealth of discussions and phone-ins, storytelling and specially written plays.

It is aimed predominantly at schoolchildren, at young people who have started work, and at young parents whose small children might also like listening. There is a lot of talk and fun; but it is also educational in a way that seems throwaway, but is clearly thought out carefully.

On Monday evening, for instance, there was a half-hour play called *Psyche*, by Sarah Woods. It was about various people, mostly young, having their separate fantasies before a painting of Psyche, while Psyche made her silent comments on them all. Nicola Pagett acted Psyche, and the play was both funny and dramatic — one sad schoolgirl with anorexia, who identifies particularly closely with Psyche, collapses and dies.

But it was also like a young person's guide to visiting an art gallery, to what you can find there, and the different ways you might look at the paintings, all lightly but firmly demonstrated.

The stories, like *Anansi the Spider Man* last week, a fable about how a spider defeats a tiger, are generally well told, with their language carefully chosen so that they might appeal not only to children, but also to grown-ups listening with them.

Give me Baker rather than the plays and stories, I have to say. But Radio 5 can boast that its audience has gone up from three million to more than four million in the past 12 months. This maverick channel really seems now to be finding a home range.

DERWENT MAY

Covent Garden a riot of Verdi

THE Royal Opera is staging a grand Verdi binge between 1995 and 2001, the centenary of the composer's death. All 28 Verdi operas will be staged at Covent Garden during annual summer festivals. The huge project will involve Scottish Opera, Welsh National Opera and Opera North, as well as international co-productions.

Each festival will also feature concerts, theatre performances, recitals, workshops, master classes and conferences. Parts of the festival will be broadcast on radio and television.

The series will encounter a hiccup if and when the opera house closes for refurbishment as part of the ROH development plans. At the moment it is scheduled to close from 1997 until 1999, so another venue would have to be found for two festivals.

The first will begin with a revival of the Royal Opera's triumphant *Stiffelio*. *I due Foscari*, *La Traviata*, staged by National Theatre director Richard Eyre in his first operatic venture, and two productions of *Simon Boccanegra* (the 1881 and 1857 versions) will complete 1995, a year with a Genoan and Venetian theme.

After that, the timetable becomes more provisional. But expect *Don Carlos* in 1996, *Macbeth* in 1997 and *Falstaff* in 1999. Big names already pencilled in include Catherine Malfitano, José Carreras or Placido Domingo (*Stiffelio*) and Georg Solti (*La Traviata*). Edward Downes and Bernard Haitink will be the anchormen conductors.

ARTS BRIEFING

THIRTY-ONE arts organisations and schools have shared £225,000 in the 1993 Sainsbury's Arts Education Awards. The two biggest awards, for £25,000 each, went to dance companies: English National Ballet and the Leeds-based Phoenix troupe. The Hallé Concerts Society received £24,400 for a project that will culminate in a three-day drumming festival in Manchester, and the Nottingham Playhouse got £24,670 for a new writing programme associated with Elvis Costello's first work for the theatre (to be premiered at the Playhouse). Launched in 1991, the awards are given biennially to support the education work of professional arts organisations and to raise the profile of arts activities in secondary schools.

Regeneration

FOLLOWING the recent Broadway success of *Tommy* — which picked up five Tony awards earlier this month — there is the invigorating prospect of another rock opera from the melodious pen of Pete Townshend. It is called *The Iron Man* and will have its world premiere at the Young Vic in November. The former Who guitarist has adapted the rock opera from a children's story by the poet Ted Hughes; the production will be directed by David Thacker.

Last chance ...

SINGER Nanci Griffith stands somewhere between folk and country. Her current album, *Other Voices Other Rooms*, is a homage to the writers and performers who have most influenced her — among them Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan, Ralph McTell and John Prine — and it is their songs which make up the bulk of her show. A two-month tour draws to a close with concerts at Festival Hall, Corby (0536 402233) tonight; De Montford Hall, Leicester (0533 544444) tomorrow; and the Waterford Festival, Ireland on Saturday.



Malfitano: homage to Verdi

LONDON

OLEANNA. David Suchet, Lia Williams in an eagerly awaited new Mamet play in which an academic runs into an intransigent feminist student. Harold Pinter directs. Opening night.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Tonight, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat (from July 3), 4pm

EARLY CHINESE ART AND TEMPLES. This opening exhibition, celebrating the Eskenazi's move to new premises, assembles a superb collection of 50 museum-quality pieces of sculpture and metalwork ranging in time from the 5th-century BC to the Song dynasty.
Eskenazi, 10 Clifford Street, W1 (071-493 5464). Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-1pm, until July 9

TURNER'S PAINTING TECHNIQUES: The latest in the Tate's shows of Turner's work concentrates on the evolution of his technique, from his fairly traditional beginnings to his later innovatory way of using watercolour techniques when painting in oil, to produce the much freer works
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, until Oct 10.

ATTILA: Elijah Moshinsky's effective staging of one of the most gripping of Verdi's less familiar works is revived with Samuel Ramey, a renowned Attila, singing the title role here for the first time. The cast also includes Elizabeth Connell and Dennis O'Neill. Sir Edward Downes, a thrilling exponent of this repertoire, conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 8pm

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

SPITALFIELDS FESTIVAL: One of the final events in this year's festival is a performance of Britten's *The Rape of Lucretia* by the City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox, with Jean Rigby, Catherine Pierard, Nigel Robson, Donald Maxwell, Alan Opie and Alastair Miles as the soloists.
Christ Church, Commercial Street, EC1 (071-377 1362), 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

EXETER: The Exeter Festival includes three weeks of new work — plays on football, war, weddings, murder — hosted by Theatre Alibi in a venue under St Thomas's Station.
Platform 4, Cowick Street (0392 211080). Fifteen different shows: opens tonight, eves at 7.30pm; some lunchtimes at 1pm.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME: Nigel Hinton's dramatisation of his novel for teenagers *Buddy's Song*, with a live rock band: already a television serial, film and a sequel to his *Buddy* novel
New Victoria Theatre, Etruria Road (0782 717962). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, Sat, 7.30pm, Fri, 8pm, mats on various dates.

YORK: Another adaptation of *Jane Eyre*, this time by Willis Hall. Monica Dolan and Michael Irving play the lovers whose passion is threatened by something nasty in the attic.
Theatre Royal, St Leonard's Road (0904 623568). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm, until July 17.

WARWICK: The Warwick Festival takes place in the historic towns of Warwick, Leamington Spa and Kenilworth until July 11. To celebrate the Tchaikovsky centenary there are appearances by many Russian musicians including the Moscow String Quartet — making their only visit outside London (tomorrow, Thurs) and pianist Nikolai Demidenko (Sun). The festival also boasts three world premieres performed by the Martinu Ensemble: Robin Holloway's new sextet *Winter Music*, a trio by Czech composer Sylvie Bodorova, and Howard Skempton's Three Pieces for Oboe Solo (with Melinda Maxwell as the soloist).
Warwick Festival (booking and enquiries: 0926 496277).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ALI**: Impressive performance by Geoffrey C. Ewing as Muhammad Ali, old and young.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

□ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA**: Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins in a golden-hued production, directed by John Caird, that touches the mind more than the heart.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 195mins.

■ **THE CHANGELING**: Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS**: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS**: Regina Fong, Kim Criswell, Simon Fanshawe, Lily Savage plus 22 others in a celebration of friends now dead from Aids (see review, right).
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 8.45pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8pm.

□ **AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER**: Comic fantasies among the football-watching classes.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 120mins.

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**: Blazing performance by Judi Dench in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

◪ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

□ **INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE**: Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm. 190mins.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

□ **LEONARDO**: The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical, great sets but daft story.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins.

□ **LYSISTRATA**: Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport rampant, rubber phalluses.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 80mins

□ **PRESENT LAUGHTER**: Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **THE SUM OF US**: Well-performed Australian play about the tensions between a too-tolerant father and his gay son.
Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (081-680 4060). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 5pm. 120mins.

■ **SWEENEY TODD**: Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. 180mins.

◪ **TRANSLATIONS**: British mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal: clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss of the Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... □ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information from SWET.

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE OLD LADY WHO WALKED IN THE SEA (18): Tiresome divertissement with Jeanne Moreau as an ageing eccentric with a taste for young men. Director, Laurent Heynemann.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

CURRENT

◆ **ARMY OF DARKNESS** (15): *Evil Dead* hero Bruce Campbell fights medieval England's undead. Exuberant horror parody from director Sam Raimi.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

◆ **BOXING HELENA** (18): Jennifer (daughter of David) Lynch's daft Grand Guignol, with Julian Sands madly amputating his lover's limbs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward. With Jason Scott Lee, Patrick Bergin, Anne Parillaud.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

◆ **SAVAGE NIGHTS** (18): A frenzied love story and an HIV-positive hero, based on the film's deceased writer-director-star, Cyril Collard.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

SOFIE (15): The spent life of a Jewish woman in late 19th century Denmark. Liv Ullmann's skilful, humane directorial debut, marvellously acted.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

THE TRIAL (12): Harold Pinter's adaptation, directed by David Jones, fails to solve the problems of making Kafka cinematic.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279).

UNTAMED HEART (15): Greatly endearing, off-beat romance between extrovert waitress Marisa Tomei and reclusive busboy Christian Slater.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** reviews Bill Russell's over-sentimental tribute to Aids victims

Misconceived in sequins

Elegies for Angels, Punks and Raging Queens
Criterion

A FEW seats away a man could not restrain his tears at this sequence of poems about how it feels to die. Yet I remained unmoved or, to be honest, became impatient and antagonistic. Friends of mine have died from Aids and I tried to picture them returned from the dead, wearing black but otherwise in the pink of health and speaking in rhyme, like the 30 characters in Bill Russell's programme of tributes. I cannot imagine my dead friends like that. More to the point, I do not want to, and I disliked Russell's sentimental attitude to the facts of death, the sequins, the united-in-death cosiness that is the predominant mood.

First seen at the King's Head last year, the show is a theatrical equivalent to the Names Memorial Quilt: the enormous patchwork of handmade panels, each commemorating an Aids victim, that when last spread out in front of the White House numbered over 19,000 and covered 17 acres.

But where this testimony is intensely poignant — even the tiny fraction of it on show last year at Edinburgh — Russell's testimonies seldom tap any emotional depth. That they can trigger grief in individual members of the audience is another matter. In themselves, they suffer from being generalised and sanitised. The angels of the title are the people who visit or otherwise look after the dying, and it is good that Aids has brought out such qualities. But Russell, who also directs and wrote the lyrics for the uplifting songs, keeps clambering back on to some metaphorical trampoline called Positive Thinking and bouncing up to where the sky is rosy.

One by one, the 25 members of the cast step forward, say their piece and take their place on seats at the rear of the stage, where they are flanked by mirrors in which their fractured reflections continue sideways to vanishing point. Not all the victims are gay, though most of the men are: a farm boy from North Dakota wide-eyed on Christopher Street; a son fleeing from revivalist parents into showbiz; a prim white clerk (amusingly mimicked by Don Gilet); two outré queens stylishly sketched by James Dreyfus; and Regina Fong in a *Camille* gown dyed black for the experience of dying.

The gathering ranks of the dead would be more affecting were they not constantly being diminished as actors depart in order to return as someone else. But essentially the disappointment is a matter of language. Nicola Blackman's powerfully shown rage at the lavish attention paid to Legionnaire's victims is undercut by feebly declaring that it gets her goat, in order to make a rhyme. Likewise, "the peace that passeth all understanding" is not a phrase that gives much away. Whether you find it exhilarating to watch the cast fling red sequins into the air while singing "Learning To Let Go", is a matter of taste.

DONALD COOPER



All too cosy: the cast of *Elegies for Angels, Punks and Raging Queens*

Mixed-up minx in a mixed-up melodrama

Wretched Grooms
BAC, Battersea

A TRIO of dodgy geezers commit a robbery every five years and play cards to decide who pockets the swag. Five years are not up, but Sammy needs cash, fast.

This is where Clarissa comes in. She can turn off the alarms in the art gallery and can turn on any man with the testosterone to stand up and say "Cool". The terminally ill Harry may look like a skeleton in a suit and Easy may flick his hair back and think he's a stud but — along with Sammy, the soft-touch — they are putty in Clarissa's hands. She bats her eyelids and knocks them for six, then plays them off against each other.

In Changeinspeak's stylised production, Clarissa poses as Marilyn Monroe and acts like an evil *femme fatale* straight out of *film noir*. She certainly sets the audience's alarm bells ringing.

Oddly, though, Simon Blake's plot builds up expectations then goes skew-whiff. One cannot help feeling cheated when Clarissa's promises about the burglary prove bona fide, and the final card game is anticlimactic. Clarissa's dark secret is actually that Harry is her father and he left when she was a small child. That may provide a mild twist to the misogynistic cliché of the *femme fatale*: this one hurts men because a man hurt her. But her revenge seems to peter out and Harry seems ultimately to be unfazed.

Anyway, why does she bother with the palaver of the paintings; and what is all this stuff about her lifelong dream of having her father desiring her and of her then saying no to him?

Simon Blake's narrative structure, like the set, is a jumble of often extraneous material, yet there are passages of fine writing, from comic patter to poetic soliloquies. The action lacks forward momentum, principally because couples are too busy rolling to and fro on the floor. Also, who knows why Harry slips between the cockney accent and lah-de-dah, or why Sammy has a Charlie Chaplin monologue?

Still, Blake's direction is occasionally inspired: Clarissa, on a swing, smiles alluringly or perhaps insanely at the audience: suspended picture frames lurch like imbalanced pendulums while Sammy staggers drunk around the stage.

Sam Halpenny (Easy) and Anne Lynch (Clarissa) are very strong and George McAllistair peaks in a painful scene — one of rare frankness concerning male vulnerability — where, even as Clarissa seduces him, Sammy simply breaks down and cries.

KATE BASSETT

CONCERT: A new music-theatre piece inspired by a visit to the infamous concentration camp

Dachau testimonies

Jane's Minstrels
Spitalfields Festival

SOPRANO Jane Manning's programme with Jane's Minstrels at Christ Church, Spitalfields, brought together three groups of folksongs in delightful arrangements: "The Braes of Ballandine" by J.C. Bach, Charles Dibdin's "Excuse me!" (reworked by Peter Maxwell Davies), and settings by Percy Grainger.

Dibdin, the composer of the celebrated ballad "Tom Bowling", may not have been quite so inspired in "John and Jean", but his setting of the epigrammatic verses of the couple who love each other to distraction until marriage intervenes provided Maxwell Davies with material for one of his characteristically skewed reconstructions. The groans on cello and clarinet, heard even before the peals of wedding bells have died away, wryly suggest that John and Jean's marital bliss was shortlived indeed, and Manning's delivery caught a devastating hint of mockery.

Grainger's "Colonial Song" illustrated all the harmonic and textural excesses that make this composer very much a matter of taste. But surely irresistible, even to the most ascetic of souls, was his heartstoppingly simple arrangement of "Died for Love", beautifully done by both singer and musicians.

Somewhat more demanding was the piece of music theatre written for Manning and her Minstrels by David Bedford: *Touristen Dachau*. The idea for this work came from the librettist, Michael White, music critic of the *Independent on Sunday*. Moved by a visit to the concentration camp, he has contrived a text in which the soprano adopts a number of personae: tourist, student, Jewish prisoner, homosexual prisoner, guard and nun.

The scheme is skilfully elaborated in such a way as to reflect the complexity of response to the legacy — cultural and psychological — that Dachau provokes. Bedford's setting ranges from brutal, rhythmically intricate recreations of wartime scenes (bellicose offstage shouts provided by pupils of St Paul's Way School) to eloquent outbursts of anguish, in which White's text offers him many a resonant line.

Manning made the most of the part, with only minimal props and rudimentary lighting for support. A proper staging (which could still be modest) would further enhance an already powerful piece of music theatre.

Of the remaining items, Holst's Terzetto and Thea Musgrave's Impromptu No 2 were more in harmony with the flavour of the programme than was Arne Nordheim's strenuous *Tre voci*. But Jane's Minstrels proved sympathetic interpreters of all three.

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VISUAL ART: Investigating contemporary destruction; and, below, celebrating fin-de-siècle decadence

Rip, burn, boil and chew, then exhibit

Is it possible to create art simply by destroying things? Joseph Williams looks at the artist who believed you could



Safe as houses? Gordon Matta-Clark's *Splitting* (1974). The artist exposed the structure of buildings by mutilating them — but he was careful that they did not collapse

Like good and evil, creation and destruction are inseparable. From the throes of violent despair can come the delirium of creative genius. But what if the destruction is itself the creative act? Can an artist pulverise a canvas and find it inspiring? Manet slashed several of his portraits of Jean-Baptiste Faure, a famous baritone, only because he was dissatisfied with the work.

Contemporary artists rip, burn, boil, cut, kick, hack and chew their work and are happy with the results. Toshikatsu Endo incinerates his cylinders until they are charred ruins. Julian Schnabel smashes crockery and makes collages of the shards. The French artist Arman clobbers violins, and packs the remains into cement.

Are these just brutish acts of destruction, or possible explorations into de-construction? Are the objects transformed into something purer and simpler? Why must we always examine an object in terms of its whole, never its parts? After all, to cut open, to explode, is to reveal what lies within, which — paradoxically — can be creative.

Gordon Matta-Clark thought so at any rate. After studying architecture, his American artist — who died of cancer in 1978 — came to specialise in dismantling buildings. Wielding a saw, he would hack into façades, wrench up foundations, rip up walls and open chasms in floors. The photographic evidence of these despoliations — plus chunks of masonry he extracted — are exhibited from today at London's Serpentine Gallery.

There was method in Matta-Clark's madness. The depredations were executed so mathematically that the buildings never collapsed. Audiences invited inside would hop over wobbling ledges, gingerly stepping forward to peer into a yawning gap that exposed the basement. For this was a journey to the centre of architecture itself. Matta-Clark aimed to undermine our notion of "safe as houses": buildings seen as perfectly enclosed structures. Truncating whole sections, he laid bare the very bones of buildings, exposing layers of stratification.

An ordinary house could be transformed into a great gangling sculpture. Removing an entire wall, he turned an interior into what looks like a gigantic doll's house, wrecked and abandoned by some wayward child. *Splitting* (1974) seems as if an ogre had sliced a house with an axe. In *Conical Intersect* (1975), two buildings next to the Pompidou Centre in Paris received the Matta-Clark treatment, and ended up looking as though an Exocet missile had ploughed through the middle.

Frequently at loggerheads with planning authorities, he had to confine his work mainly to derelict homes and abandoned warehouses in New York's ghettos. Once, he was still cutting into a house earmarked for bulldozing when the demolition team arrived. None of the buildings survives today.

But in stripping away, was he shaking the great traditions of architecture itself? Was he breaking or creating? "Breaking through is sometimes a very positive act," says Corinne Diserens, curator of the Serpentine exhibition. "I don't think it's linked systematically with destruction. It's not destroying at all, but opening new fields of investigation — even if it can be read as an aggressive gesture.

"He had a very deep knowledge of the infrastructure of buildings, of how architecture functions. Everybody who visited his sites found it an extremely strong physical experience. I think there's a sensuality in the work."

Diserens believes that Matta-Clark resented the architectural community of his time because "in New York, you had whole areas which were completely abandoned by this community. For him, it was impossible not to react to this attitude of architects of not wanting to look next door: their lack of consideration for the needs of the population. Matta-Clark was reactivating empty shells, leftovers of past architecture."

Architects accused Matta-Clark of violating the sanctity of buildings. In his most provocative work, *Window Blow Out* (1976), he shot out the windows of the Institute of Architecture and Urban Studies in New York, where he was supposed to be exhibiting, conventionally. The trustees were outraged.

"Art should cause violence to be set aside," wrote Tolstoy. "And it is only art that can accomplish this." So is destructiveness masquerading as art? "I don't think it has to be about destroying," says Richard Wilson, the acclaimed British artist who has been exhibiting a vast sump of oil at London's Saatchi Collection. "It's about taking already existing structures and completely altering them, so that you start having to see them in a different way, a new way.

"What you already knew was a house doesn't end up being a house: it can be transformed into something else. A man sawing a piece of wood in half could be said to be destroying the wood but in fact he isn't, he's just changing it for another purpose. All that happens when you blow a building up is that you rearrange it — very quickly."

But why are so many modern artists obsessed with annihilating? Are the self-inflicted slashes on the canvases of Lucio Fontana really portals of discovery, or are they just slashes? In the 1960s, John Latham chewed and spat out the pages of an overdue library book. A joke, surely? No, a photograph of the masticated remains went on sale in a London gallery in April for more than £2,000.

And nowadays, this ripping-stamping-burning mania has become all the rage. Many artists accumulate garbage, boil it, clump it together, or blow it up. Like latter-day alchemists, they seek purer substances from coarser. In 1991, an artist persuaded army explosives experts to detonate a shed, and then exhibited the mangled remains of the objects inside.

Once conceptualism seems exhausted — and everything else has been tried — maybe there is nothing left but to destroy. Many of the choices of material today seem negative: urine, blood, dead flies. Artists prefer carcasses to canvases. Once, they looked to the gods for an avatar. Today, many choose the opposite.

● Gordon Matta-Clark *is at the Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, W2 (071-402 6075), from today until August 15.*

Fun and fantasy in the Gay Nineties

For *The Studio* Art Nouveau magazine, the 1890s were not just the end of a century but the start of an era, says John Russell Taylor



Nouveau Nineties: Isolde, a colour lithograph by Aubrey Beardsley

Dearly though the world loves convenient generalisations, the 1890s were not always yellow. On the contrary, the reaction against decadence and preciosity set in almost before they had truly begun. The bombshell of Oscar Wilde's trial in 1895 made many a "greenery-yallery, Grosvenor Gallery, foot-in-the-grave young man" run for cover, and meant that even *The Yellow Book*, that great flagship of decadence, disposed of its principal asset, Aubrey Beardsley, and took a sudden turn towards the muscular and extrovert.

When that happened *The Studio* magazine, almost as closely associated with Beardsley (who designed the first cover) and delicious decadence as *The Yellow Book* itself, had been appearing for barely two years. It still exists, sort of: at least the catalogue for the Victoria & Albert's centenary exhibition, **High Art and Low Life**, is a special issue, volume 201 (no 1022/1023).

The Studio has had an extraordinary history. During the 1940s, in its smaller, war-economy format, it was the great lifeline for people in the Forces and factories who wanted to remain in touch with what was happening in art. In the 1950s and early 1970s, as *Studio International*, it more than kept pace with Pop Art, Op Art and such. And if it faltered in the 1980s and all but vanished in the 1990s, it has still had a good run for its money.

But undoubtedly the most influential period in its whole career was the first ten years, as the V&A exhibition recognises. It was the first important, and truly international, riposte of Art Nouveau, and for that it is chiefly remembered. From Barcelona to Budapest, Milan to Moscow, its every issue was eagerly scanned for evidence of what was new and what was best. Innovative design in Glasgow would be instantly familiar in its pages from Chicago to Tokyo, long before original examples had penetrated so far — if, indeed, they ever did.

Although the instant association with *The Studio* in the 1890s is with Beardsley, Art Nouveau and *fin-de-siècle* decadence, this is misleadingly narrow. The magazine cheerfully weathered the Wilde crisis — even though it, too, played down perversity and began to emphasise the muscular socialism of Walter Crane — because it was not exclusively associated with one aesthetic attitude. Everything that was happening was grist to its mill: the Impressionists as much as the Symbolists, artists who hiked and ran after chorus girls as much as artists who lounged and fantasised about strange and exquisite sins.

And then, often forgotten today, there was the whole educational side. *The Studio* was initially very much a magazine for practising artists and, even more, the vast array of would-be artists and art students. The long series of prize competitions was started in the first issue of April 1893, and was a direct continuation of the high-Victorian preoccupation with reforming industrial design and training in the practical arts of which the V&A itself is also the child. The tendency of the winners had much more to do with arts and crafts and high striving than with low life.

All of this is absorbingly detailed in the show, which is pre-eminently one the V&A can supply entirely from stock. All aspects of the 1890s are covered, from the gay (in all senses of that now elastic term) to the deadly straight and serious. Beardsley's flights in the face of conventional respectability are matched with Beerbohm's send-ups.

In poster art — one of the great forms of the era — the robust line of such as John Hassell, Dudley Hardy and the Beggarstaff brothers is effectively set against the continental models of Lautrec, Bonnard and Mucha. The photographic section includes some of the less-provocative nudes of Von Gloeden as well as the exquisite rustic records of P.H. Emerson, and, in particular, recalls the refined art of Frederick Evans, portraitist of people and cathedrals alike.

The show ends by reminding us of psychedelic 1960s revivals of the Beardsley style, Conder as reinterpreted in Carnaby Street. It is not entirely a pretty sight; perhaps we may hope that our own new *fin-de-siècle* will find for itself more compelling resonances from the last.

● *Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8500). Mon noon-5.50pm, Tues-Sun 10am-5.50pm, to October 31*

ROCK: Irish and Brazilian stars lift the tempo and the spirits in London

Enduring magic

Clannad
Albert Hall



Warm: Maire Brennan

DONEGAL'S Clannad seem always to have been beyond the dictates of fashion. In the early 1970s, bemused locals sat stony-faced as the family group sought to entertain them with sympathetic arrangements of indigenous but rarely-revived folk songs: any Irish band worth its salt should concentrate on Country and Western, was the unspoken subtext.

Time, however, has validated the singular path chosen by crystal-voiced singer Maire Brennan, her brother Ciaran and uncles Noel and Padraig Duggan. As they approached the end of a twentieth anniversary UK tour with this, the first of two sell-out *London* dates, a less modest outfit might have pointed out that their international standing is at an all-time high. Instead, they had the grace to look delighted that their near two-hour show should be rewarded with a standing ovation.

Ironically, given their native audience's initial reticence towards a core repertoire of acoustic and often a cappella material, it is as purveyors of film and TV soundtracks that Clannad are now most commercially prized. It took the magnificently moody "Theme from Harry's Game" to break the band in Britain a decade ago and recently that same track — given heavy exposure in an ad for Volkswagen cars — has prompted America to recognise their appeal.

Yet rather than pursue a lucrative path, the group has shown an admirable determination to temper its ethereal side with an awareness of the altogether ruder demands of beefy American-style rock.

Consequently, with the family nucleus of four bolstered here by guest players including the always excellent saxophonist Mel Collins, even such dainty-sounding Gaelic airs as that unlikely one about the love-lorn daughter of a seaweed collector turned out to contain surprise passages of muscle-bound swagger.

Elsewhere, as on the recent, original songs "Why Worry", "There For You" and "I Will Find You", Maire Brennan's warm, lovely tones blended the two extremes of period and style into one timeless and seductive whole. They saved for first encore their monumental pop song "In A Lifetime". That it consolidated rather than dominated the evening's performance was a measure of Clannad's strange and enduring magic.

ALAN JACKSON

Powerful exile

Caetano Veloso
Festival Hall

IN 1968, Caetano Veloso and Gilberto Gil, now celebrated as two of the biggest stars of Brazilian music, were imprisoned by Brazil's military dictatorship. The generals disliked the lyrics that the two singers were writing, so deported them to *London* where they lived and composed for some years.

Veloso's concert always looked like it would be the high point of the South Bank Centre's Gran Gran Fiesta series. But the atmosphere, both inside and outside the hall, was charged beyond expectations.

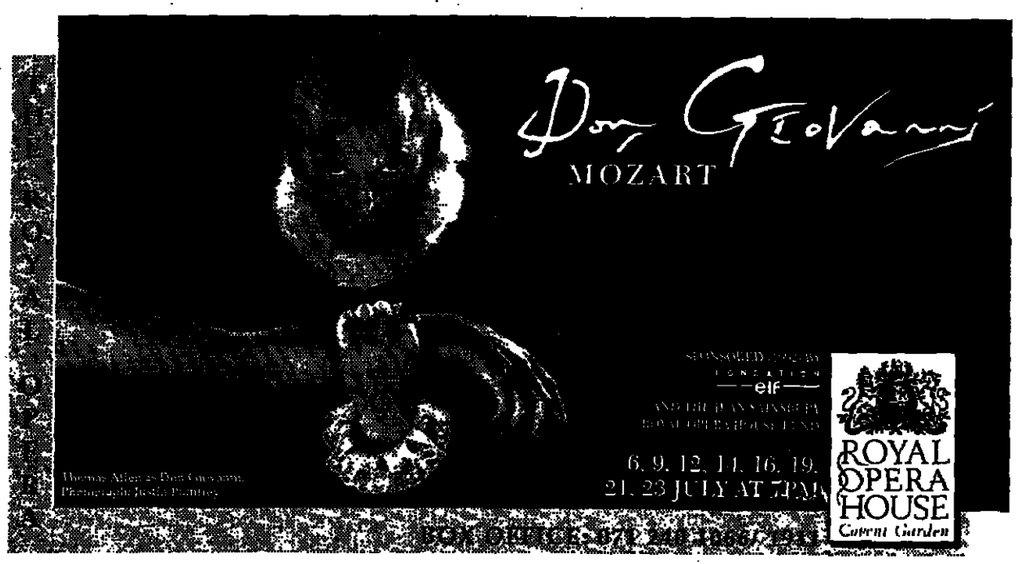
For a non-Portuguese speaker, one of the strongest moments came when Veloso sat down with an acoustic guitar and sang soft bossa novas. For the first time, he began to talk, first in his native language, then in English. He told the story of his deportation and, obviously emotional, announced that this was the first time he had performed in Britain since returning to Brazil in 1972.

He felt compelled, he said, to sing a Brazilian hit that he once recorded in London. Sometimes in a concert, the emotional current that runs before performer and audience becomes almost tangible. This was one of those occasions.

Framing this solo section within a two-hour set were songs played in a bewildering mixture of styles. Working with two percussionists, a drummer, guitar, bass and cello, augmented by his son on extra percussion, Veloso and his band drew on native Brazilian rhythms, Argentinian tangos, reggae, flamenco, rock and the songs of Carmen Miranda.

Often complementing songs with mime, dance and gesture, he cut a strange, charismatic figure in his voluminous maroon trousers and skin-tight white shirt. Musical textures changed continually. The astringent blend of voice and cello would be contrasted with massed percussion or delicate interplay between three guitars. Guitarist Luiz Brasil was particularly impressive.

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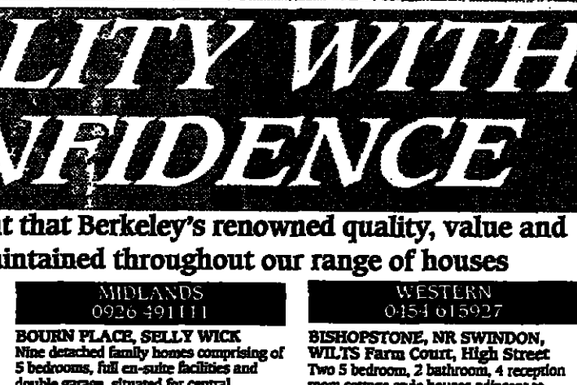
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The tower: great views

FOR SALE: the best view in Luton, Bedfordshire, for £25,000, *Rachel Kelly writes*. That is how agents are marketing the sale of the Bailey Hill tower, a 100ft high Victorian water tower on the western edge of town. "The views are magnificent," says Graham Sutton, from agents Freeth Melhuish. "You can see across the whole of Luton and as far as the airport on a clear day."

The downside is that the brick-built tower with its pitched tiled-roof would need at least £100,000 spent on it to make it habitable for anyone other than the hundreds of pigeons that are in residence.

The tower is hollow, apart from a spiral staircase leading to the former tanks. The building, on top of Bailey Hill, is Grade-II listed, and would need planning permission to be converted to residential use. It was last used as a water tower more than ten years ago, handling 83,000 gallons, and is being offered for sale by Three Valleys Water Services.

Mr Sutton says: "The tower certainly has scope for some sort of commercial or residential use. Although the external appearance cannot be altered substantially, it has interesting potential for the imaginative buyer." Other redundant water towers have been converted into hotels and tourist attractions. A hundred potential buyers have already expressed interest.

Despite huge losses, most Lloyd's names are sitting tight, says **Rachel Kelly**

Hanging on by their fingernails

BRYN COLTON



Nigel Steele in his garden: "It's rather silly for the three of us to rattle around in this huge house"

Reports of the death of the country house because of losses at Lloyd's have been much exaggerated. Agents estimate that fewer than 100 families have been forced to sell their homes purely because of losses by the insurance underwriters. James Laing, a partner at Strutt & Parker, says: "The belief that larger numbers of people are being forced to sell because of Lloyd's is simply not borne out by the evidence."

Far from being awash with properties up for sale because of Lloyd's, the country house market is suffering from a lack of property, Mr Laing says. To meet demand, his agency has been advertising for potential sellers around Newbury, Berkshire, in an effort to increase the number of homes on its books.

Moreover, the values of country house have stabilised in the past year and, in some cases, even shown a modest increase, Mr Laing says. "Would that have been so if thousands of fire sales were taking place?"

Willie Gething, the director of Property Vision, the buying agents, says his company handled only two Lloyd's losses last year. "But buyers phone us to say there must be masses of houses for sale because of Lloyd's. It's not true. The English hang on to their houses by their fingernails."

These views are echoed by Patrick Ramsay, of Knight Frank & Rutley. "I said earlier this year that buyers were putting off having to sell because of Lloyd's," he says. "Well, they are still putting it off."

Nor will last week's reports of £2.8 billion losses at Lloyd's change their behaviour, Mr Ramsay says. "The headlines splash these figures around, and one thinks that Lloyd's names are suddenly going to react. But most names are kept informed on a monthly basis about what's going on. Their losses aren't a bolt from the blue."

Names are delaying making any moves until the long-awaited recovery in the housing market becomes irreversible. The *signs* are still confusing: the Halifax says prices are down, the Nationwide says they are up, the punter stays put. "Names are waiting until the economy gets better," Mr Ramsay says. "In an improving market, everyone sits on their hands."

Mr Ramsay says hard-up names may wait until as long as 1995. "I should think that the volume of property for sale will double what is now going through the market."

He refuses to be drawn on exact numbers but refers instead to *Country Life*. "There are about 40 pages of advertising a week in the magazine now. That compares with 150 pages in 1991 and about 200 pages at the height of the boom in the late 1980s."

However, Mr Ramsay believes that the names will not delay taking action much beyond 1995. "They will want to sell during this government's term of office to reorganise their finances, rather than risk getting to the end of the term. They don't want to run too close to an election."

Mr Gething says there will be more sales, but a steady drip rather than a cascade. "Ultimately, it is the running costs of these houses that will force the issue," he explains. "Names are suffering from the lack of Lloyd's income, and whatever capital they've got has been handed over to Lloyd's."

> 'People are selling a barn or a cottage'

Meanwhile, they are selling their assets rather than their houses, says Mr Laing — if they are selling at all.

"One should not forget the tax benefits of offsetting losses against other income," he says. "If you are a substantial earner, perhaps a farmer with profits that have risen because of the devalued green pound, the pain of paying Lloyd's can be mitigated."

Those who must sell are often able to raise cash by selling bits of their estates. "What we are finding is that people are selling a barn or a cottage, or part of the acreage. Anything, in fact, except the main house itself. That will always be the last to go."

Nigel Steele is the exception. He is selling his six-bedroom house at Swanton Morley, near Dereham, Norfolk, because of Lloyd's losses. He joined Lloyd's in 1979 to help with school fees for his expected family. His father had been a name for many years and his brother and brother-in-law were both involved in insurance.

After a series of good years, losses began in 1987. He will not talk about exact sums, but says things became serious in 1988. "I'm not down to my last farthing, but I've now realised all my liquid assets — mainly stocks and shares and investments," he admits. "We've sold a holiday cottage."

Rather than continue to sell all the remaining heirlooms and chattels in the house and, in Mr Steele's phrase "sit on orange boxes", the family has decided to move into a small house and retain its possessions.

"We have only one daughter so it's rather silly for the three of us to rattle around in this huge house," he says. "We would have been selling it anyway, but Lloyd's pre-empted the move."

The auctioneer's sell-the-lot show

Forget new-fangled marketing techniques: old ways are proving best for John D. Wood. The estate agency has just set up a chattels department to handle country house sales.

Such departments used to be commonplace. Peter Raw, the firm's new auctioneer, says: "All we are doing is returning to the hands-on approach that all estate agents had 30 years ago."

When it came to house sales, agencies were multi-practice businesses that dealt with everything, including livestock and agriculture. "Clients liked this individual approach, and still do, which is why we are returning to it," he says.

Many agents abandoned such methods when they were taken over by the big insurance firms such as Lloyd's and the Prudential.

The big auction houses, including Sotheby's and Christie's, moved in and if a house's contents were not lucrative enough for them, freelance auctioneers were happy to sell them. Some small country estate agents have, however, kept running their own auction sales.

Last year, John D. Wood was asked to dispose of the contents of a medium-size country house in Hindhead, Surrey. This led to such a good relationship with Mr Raw, an expert who has appeared on BBC television's *Antiques Road Show*, that the firm decided to employ him on a permanent basis. The agency believed that a client wanting to sell both house and contents would prefer to deal with a single body.



Going, going: the John D. Wood auction

This certainly appealed to Major-General Henry Liardet, who wanted to dispose of his household contents so he could move to a small flat. His home, Warningcamp House, Arundel, West Sussex, contained many beautiful things, including paintings by George Constable (1792-1878), a former owner and friend of his more famous namesake John (no relation).

The auction last month duly attracted about 150 people, despite heavy rain.

Mr Raw estimated the 690 lots would draw between £100,000 and £150,000 — enough, in his view, to bear the costs of holding a sale on site, which can be high because caterers, marquees, police and parking all have to be paid for. However, prices tend to be higher than they might be in a saleroom because objects invariably look better in their home surroundings.

Certainly they looked appealing at the auction. Paul Harris, a picture-dealer, travelled all the way from Glasgow because he said that if Mr Raw was involved, the canvases were likely to be good.

The final total of £160,000 seemed to satisfy everyone.

Mr Raw says, however, that an auction is not for everybody wanting to dispose of the contents of their house.

Clients do not have to be exceptionally rich and owning high quality items, although there is a point below which a chattels sale just is not feasible.

"We try to budget our sale expenses according to the worth of the contents," he says.

VICKY WARD

Make your property pay

How speculators can profit from the new leasehold act

Is there money to be made out of the Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Bill? The bill will receive the royal assent next month with an operative date expected in November.

The burning question among speculative investors is whether this legislation is going to provide an opportunity to make a quick killing.

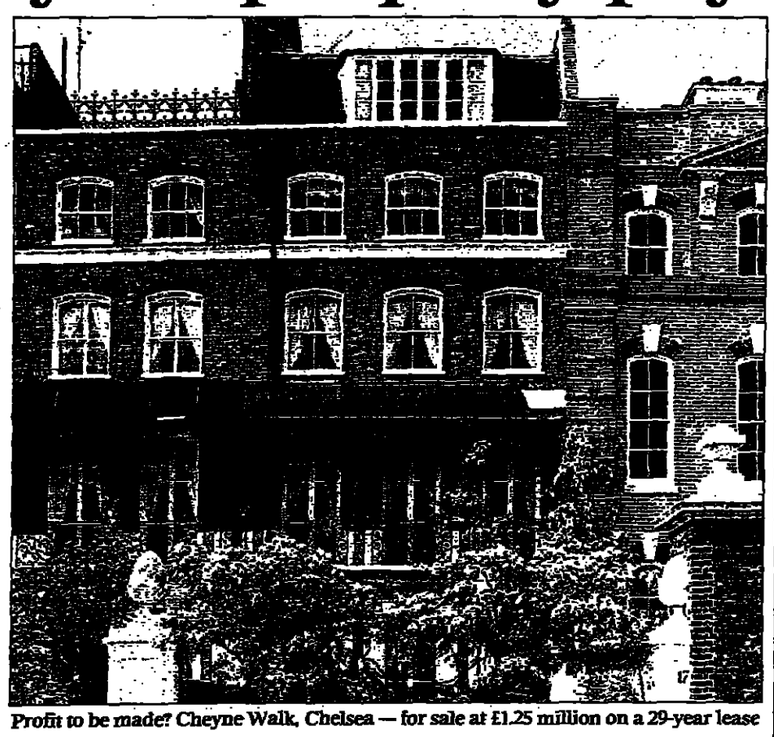
There are two options: one is to participate in the purchase of the freehold; the other is to buy a 90-year lease extension. There are different rules applying to each option and the chance to make profits is largely dictated by these rules.

The first option is to join forces with other tenants to buy the freehold. The rules require that at least two-thirds of a building must have a long lease and a low rent; then two-thirds of those eligible have to vote in favour of buying the freehold, and half of those voting must have occupied their flats for at least a year.

If a speculative investor bought a short-lease flat, he could therefore join forces with the other participating tenants, provided enough have lived there for 12 months.

The rules for eligibility are complicated but not insurmountable. The difficulty arises in determining the price. Unless the landlord agrees otherwise, the participating tenants must buy the entire freehold interest. This will include all the non-participating leases and any other interests. This can create enormous problems as the tenants will not know whether they wish to join in until they know how much it is going to cost, and the price cannot be estimated until the number of tenants is known.

However, it is not just a question of dividing up a cake, because even the size of the cake will vary depending on the number of participating tenants. The reason for this is that the price will be based on the open-market value of the freehold investment, plus a proportion of the marriage value in the case of each participating tenant.



Profit to be made? Cheyne Walk, Chelsea — for sale at £1.25 million on a 29-year lease

Marriage value is that extra value which is derived from merging two or more interests in a property. It is largely marriage value which provides any degree of profit in this sort of transaction, but the way these provisions are set up, any profit from marriage value is likely to be wiped out by the extra cost of paying for the non-participating tenants. On top of this, the bill provides that the tenants will be responsible for all the landlord's costs.

> 'Join forces with other tenants'

The 90-year lease extension is very different. After a recent amendment in the Lords, it is now an option for any holder of an eligible lease. However, the snag here is that the rules applicable require the tenant to have lived in the property as the sole or principal residence for at least three out of the past ten years. If the tenant is in that position, there is certainly some profit to be made.

It is worth bearing in mind that the maximum marriage value, and therefore the maximum profit, occurs when the present lease is worth half of the freehold value. With leases that have a very long or very short unexpired term, the amount of marriage value may be minimal.

Francis Russell is presently marketing a house in Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, on a 29-year lease for £1.25 million. As a freehold it would probably be worth close to £2 million and the cost of enfranchisement might be about £525,000, excluding fees. The profit in enfranchising this today would be about £175,000.

Knight Frank & Rutley has an unmodernised house on the market for £600,000. This has an unexpired lease of some 52 years at a nominal ground rent. After the three-year period, the enfranchisement price might be about £260,000. As a freehold, this house would be worth £1 million. On the face of it, there will be a profit of some £140,000. The complication is that the new owner will have to improve the property and, although the qualifying improvements can be deducted from the price, what constitutes a qualifying improvement is far from straightforward.

Looking at the 90-year lease extension, Chesterton Residential is marketing a three-bedroom flat on a nine-year lease. Working on the premise that the lease will sell for £100,000, and that the flat on a 99-year lease will be worth £300,000, the cost of buying the lease extension might be about £175,000, giving a profit of £25,000.

The level of profit is nothing like that achieved under the provisions of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967. However, as the saying goes, there is no such thing as a bad profit.

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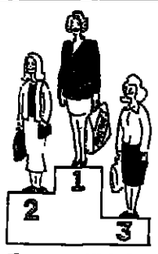
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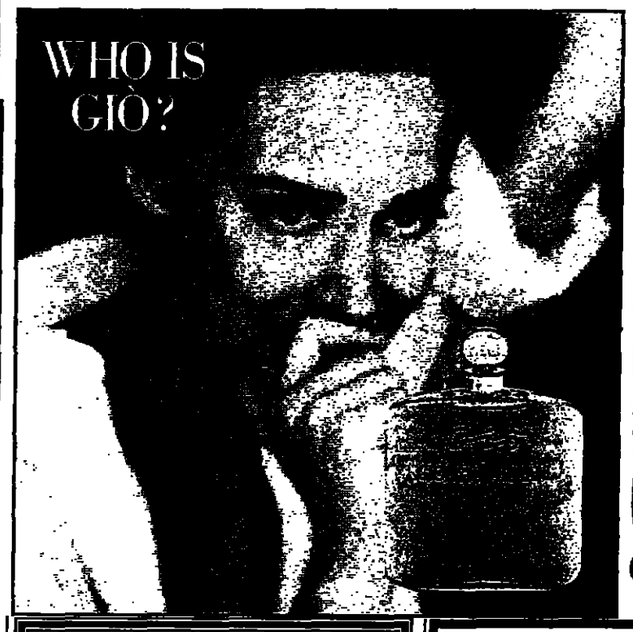
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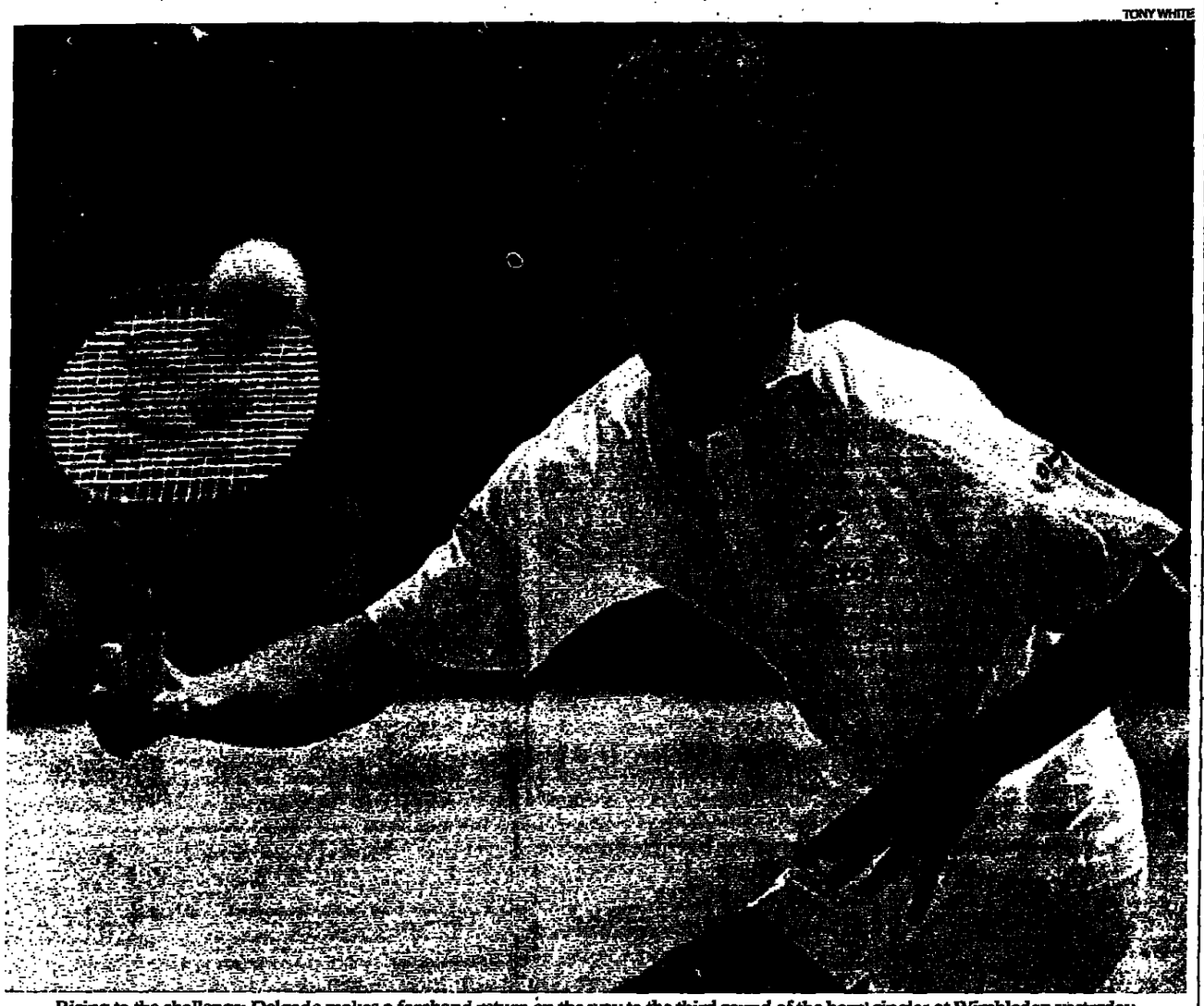
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Young British hopeful shows he is learning fast with mature performance

Delgado's star rises as he sinks Downs

BY ALIX RAMSAY

TONY WHITE



Rising to the challenge: Delgado makes a forehand return on the way to the third round of the boys' singles at Wimbledon yesterday

AS THE cheers for Andrew Foster and his colleagues die away and Wimbledon gets back to the business of the Beckers and the Edbergs of this world, the real future of British tennis is getting to work on the outside courts.

Yesterday, Jamie Delgado won his second-round match in the boys' singles, knocking out the No 8 seed, Stephen Downs, of New Zealand. Delgado is only 16 but for the past two years he has been touted as a future champion. He first made the headlines when he won the under-14 Orange Bowl in the junior world championships.

Since then, his progress has been closely monitored while he has concentrated on the difficult tasks of improving his game, improving his physique and simply growing up. Although the Wimbledon event is called boys' singles, it is densely populated with young men, tall, powerful and mentally tough. At 5ft 9in tall, Delgado knows his limitations.

"Most of the guys are a couple of years older than me," he said. "They are bigger and stronger and mentally more grown up. It means I have to work that little bit harder for my points. I guess I'll enjoy grass-court tennis in a few years if I grow a bit more."

The physical difference between Delgado and Downs was obvious. The 17-year-old New Zealander made Delgado look like he was standing in a hole. They last met in the semi-finals of the junior Australian Open when Downs was the victor, only to go through to the final and be beaten by another British prospect, James Baily. Yesterday it looked to be going the same way until Delgado overcame his nerves, came back from a 3-1 first-set deficit to win seven games in a row, leave his opponent reeling and win the match 6-3, 7-6.

With a variety of placement and pace, Delgado racked up a host of aces and, given that Downs was not trying to blast him off court, his returns, especially off the backhand, put him in command.

Being less than tall sometimes has its advantages. More than once he had Downs struggling, returning to the big man's ankles. "Some of these guys don't move so well," he said with a smile. His main flaw was a tendency to double fault, doing so twice in the tie-break — once at match point — a weakness a better opponent would have exploited.

But at 16, Delgado has time to learn. He spent the first ten years of his life in Tenerife until he won a scholarship to train with David Lloyd. It was his Spanish father, Julio, who first took the young Jamie to the tennis club and then could not get him away from the place. Now living in Maidenhead, he has left school and trains three to four hours a day.

"Every player's ambition is to win a grand slam," he said. "And I want to keep enjoying my tennis. If you don't enjoy it, you don't play well."

When David Lloyd first saw the ten-year-old Delgado he knew he had a player with natural talent on his hands. "He hit the ball unbelievably well for a kid of his age," Lloyd said. "He bounced, he had something, his eyes were alight."

After six years' hard work, the enthusiasm is still apparent and the talent is shining through. "We have two problems with Jamie," Lloyd said. "We know he is never going to be 6ft 6in but he's got such good hands he can compensate for that. It's the mental side, he mustn't think he's there already. It's our job to make him aware that he's only as good as his last match."

German pair reach point of no return

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

ALL four of the former champions to have entered the men's singles at Wimbledon have reached the quarter-finals, but one is sure to be knocked out today. Boris Becker, three-times the holder of the title, and Michael Stich, the winner two years ago, feature in a match considered by many to be pivotal.

Stich, a year younger than his German compatriot, holds a clear psychological advantage. Of their six previous meetings, he has won in straight sets the only two to have been staged on grass — the 1991 Wimbledon final and during the Stella Artois tournament at Queen's less than three weeks ago. Then Becker seemed so out of sorts that he was in danger of going out in the first round at Wimbledon to another countryman, Marc Goellner. He has since steadily regained convincing form, culminating in his win over Henri Leconte on the centre court, the lawn he regards as his living room.

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P Sampras (US) v A Agassi (US)

B Becker (Ger) v M Stich (Ger)

T Martin (US) v J Courier (US)

C Pioline (Fr) v S Edberg (Swe)

In view of their present demeanour, the mood of the match promises to be thoroughly morose but, although they are apparently evenly matched, the margin of victory will not necessarily be close. For reasons which bemuse even Stich, one of them has in the past always won easily. The opening set, therefore, is likely to be critical.

Stich, the sixth seed, has won nine successive matches on grass and Becker, the fourth, will need to continue to raise his game if the sequence is to be broken. The winner will meet an American whose fitness was in doubt before the tournament began and, in one case, still is.

Pete Sampras, the top seed, was again troubled by his shoulder injury when he disposed of Britain's last survivor, Andrew Foster, on Monday. He disclosed then that, to avoid exacerbating the problem, he had not been serving consistently at full power. No longer can he afford to take such a convenient option.

Andre Agassi, the defending champion, can be ruthless with even the fastest server, as he demonstrated against Richard Krajicek. Unless Sampras is prepared to risk further damage, he cannot realistically hope to prevent the eighth seed and the people's favourite from extending his run of victories at Wimbledon to 12.

Sampras reckoned it was his fierce desire to win that had prompted his petulant reaction towards the pro-Foster fans who had been crowding him on court 14. "I hope the experience is going to spur me on," he said.

Another pair of Americans meet in the bottom half of the draw. Jim Courier has never been beaten by Todd Martin, a regular practice partner and one of his best friends, but they have never played on grass.

The longer it lasts, the more likely Courier is to go through. After a couple of gruelling five-set matches, Martin may run out of energy.

So could Cedric Pioline, the outsider among the last eight, in chasing the crisp volleys of Stefan Edberg, the favourite and twice the champion. Pioline won their first meeting a few months ago but, as it was on clay, the result is irrelevant.

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Imperative need for disclosure

Regina v Fergus

Before Lord Justice Steyn, Mr Justice Hutchison and Mr Justice Rougier

[Reasons June 28]

It was imperative that in identification cases counsel for the prosecution and for the defence should be alive to the need to disclose photographs and crime reports. If necessary the trial judge ought to be asked for an appropriate order.

The Court of Appeal so stated when giving reasons for allowing, on June 21, the appeal of Ivan Fergus against his conviction on November 29, 1991 at Inner London Crown Court (Judge Rountree and a jury) of assault with intent to rob.

Mr Ben Emmerson, who did not appear below, for the appellant; Mr Laurence Alt for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE STEYN, giving the judgment of the court, said that in March 1991 the appellant, then a schoolboy aged 13, was on his way to school. He was identified to police officers by a boy aged 17 as the person who, four weeks earlier, had attempted to rob him.

The truth was that the appellant was wholly innocent of the offence.

The issue of the identification of an offender was possibly one of the commonest questions of fact that juries had to consider. It was also one of the issues most susceptible to error.

Visual identification of an offender not known to the observer was a particularly fallible process. Guidance had been given on the problem of visual identification in the landmark judgment in *R v Turnbull* ([1977] 1 QB 224).

In a case dependent on visual identification, and particularly where that was the only evidence, *Turnbull* made it clear that it was incumbent on a trial judge to place before the jury any specific weaknesses which could arguably be said to have been exposed in the evidence and to do so in a coherent manner so that the cumulative impact of the weaknesses was fairly placed before the jury.

Their Lordships accepted the submissions made on the appellant's behalf that: (1) the judge should have withdrawn the case from the jury; (2) the summing up failed to place the specific weaknesses in the identification evidence adequately before the jury, and was flawed in other respects; (3) in the preparation and conduct of the case the appellant's former counsel and former solicitors had failed to prepare and present his defence properly; (4) the total failure of the police to take statements from alibi witnesses rendered the trial unfair.

During the appeal, counsel for the Crown produced for their Lordships' inspection a photograph taken by the police of the appellant after his arrest, as well as a crime report containing the first details given to the police by the victim. The photograph and the crime report were material and ought to have been disclosed. Neither had been disclosed.

Counsel rightly accepted that in identification cases such photographs and crime reports were disclosable under the general common law duty of disclosure, explained in *R v Ward* ([1993] 1 WLR 619).

Plainly no public interest immunity attached to such photographs and crime reports. They ought, therefore, to be forwarded routinely by police to the Crown Prosecution Service.

But counsel for the Crown told their Lordships that usually the police did not send photographs and crime reports in identification cases to the Crown Prosecution Service. In future that should be done, and the Crown Prosecution Service ought to ensure that it was done.

It was possible that lapses might occur. It was, therefore, imperative that in identification cases counsel for the prosecution and counsel for the defence should be alive to the need to disclose photographs and crime reports. If necessary the trial judge ought to be asked for an appropriate order.

When quashing the conviction on June 21 their Lordships had announced that it was not only unsafe and unsatisfactory but that the appellant was wholly innocent. They had now recorded the reasons for that decision.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co, Southwark; Crown Prosecution Service, Inner London.

Solicitor not liable for misdraft

Hemmens v Wilson Browne (a Firm)

Before Judge Moseley, QC

[Judgment June 25]

While a solicitor might owe a duty of care to an intended beneficiary under an irrevocable *inter vivos* transaction, a solicitor who had negligently misdrafted a document so as to give no enforceable rights was not liable to the intended beneficiary when it remained within the power of the settlor to remedy the situation and the only reason he did not do so was that he had changed his mind.

Judge Moseley, QC, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, so held on a claim by Mary Carmel Hemmens against Wilson Browne, Northampton, a firm of solicitors, for £110,000 plus interest.

Mr Gilead Cooper for the plaintiff; Mr Peter Roth for the solicitors.

HIS LORDSHIP said that on June 4, 1990, Mr Keith Panter instructed Mr John Saynor of the defendant firm of solicitors to draft a document giving his mistress, the plaintiff, the present right to call at an unspecified time in the future, for a sum of £110,000 to enable her to purchase a house for herself and her daughter.

The document was drafted and executed by Mr Panter in the presence of the plaintiff on the same day but it was common ground that the document gave the plaintiff no enforceable rights.

It was not a promissory note, not a contract, because there was no consideration, it was not under seal and it did not create a trust because there was no identifiable fund which could form the subject matter of such a trust.

When, some weeks later, Mr Panter was called on by the plaintiff to perform his promise, he refused to do so, and he had maintained that refusal thereafter.

The plaintiff claimed the £110,000 from the firm of solicitors on the ground that Mr Saynor owed her a duty of care to carry out Mr Panter's instructions with reasonable care and skill and that by reason of a breach of that duty she had lost £110,000 which she would have received had Mr Saynor not been negligent.

The question was whether the principle of *Ross v Caunters* ([1981] Ch 297), in which a beneficiary failed to obtain a legacy under a will through the testator's solicitor's negligence, should be extended to cover the present *inter vivos* transaction.

The Court of Appeal had recently coinsidered *Ross v Caunters* in *White v Jones* (*The Times* March 9), another wills case, where the intended beneficiary suffered loss by the negligent solicitor failing to perform his retainer timeously.

Ross v Caunters was held to be still good law despite and *Caparo Industries plc v Dickman* ([1990] AC 605) and *Murphy v Brentwood District Council* ([1991] AC 398) which had limited the scope of the duty of care since it was decided.

In both *Ross v Caunters* and *White v Jones* the testator had died and persons who would not have inherited if there had been no negligence had become entitled by reason of his death to part of his estate. It was consequently beyond the ability both of the testator and of his personal representatives to put matters right.

His Lordship's task was to decide whether there was a duty of care in the circumstances of the present case, not whether a duty of care arose in the context of *inter vivos* transactions generally.

He could well understand that if a settlor, acting on the advice of his solicitor, executed an irrevocable deed of settlement, conferring benefits on X instead of, as intended, Y, the solicitor might owe a duty of care not only to the settlor but also to Y.

In such circumstances, leaving aside the possibility of rectification, it would be beyond the power to the settlor, although still alive, to put matters right, and Y would be able to prove an identifiable loss.

He could also well understand that a duty of care might be owed by a solicitor to an employee for whose benefit that solicitor was retained by the employer to draft an effective tax avoidance scheme.

If the scheme was ineffective, the tax would be payable and it would be beyond the ability of the employer, even if still alive, to put matters right.

His Lordship therefore accepted that there might be circumstances in which a solicitor might owe a duty of care in carrying out an *inter vivos* transaction. That, however, did not lead to the conclusion that a duty of care was owed in the context of all *inter vivos* transactions.

In answering the question posed by the facts of the present case, the principles in *Caparo v Dickman* had to be applied: (i) foreseeability of damages; (ii) a close and direct relationship characterised by the law as "proximity" or "neighbourhood"; and (iii) the situation had to be one where it was fair, just and reasonable that the law should impose the duty upon one party for the benefit of the other.

It was (iii) that his Lordship concluded defeated the plaintiff's claim.

The factors which led him to that conclusion were:

1 Mr Panter was still alive and still able to put matters right. No irremediable situation had occurred which had put it beyond his power to rectify the situation. He was not dead, insane, insolvent, bankrupt, no third parties had acquired any interests in the subject matter of the gift and tax had not become payable which would not have been payable had the document been appropriately drafted.

In short, the only reason why the situation had not been rectified was that Mr Panter had changed his mind. It would offend against common sense to grant the plaintiff a remedy against the solicitor in those circumstances.

2 It was not a case in which a negligent solicitor went scot-free if the law provided no remedy to the plaintiff, a factor which was referred to in several of the reported cases.

Mr Panter had an adequate remedy against the solicitor. The solicitor's action was a breach of contract which entitled Mr Panter to treat the contract as repudiated and to refuse to pay his bill.

If he had already paid, he could retain another solicitor to draft an appropriate document and could recover the additional charges as damages for breach of contract.

In neither event was it necessary for the law to give the plaintiff a remedy.

Similarly his Lordship rejected the plaintiff's argument for the solicitor's liability on *Hedley Byrne v Heller* ([1964] AC 465) principles, since it would not be fair just or reasonable for the law to impose a duty of care on the solicitor in the circumstances of the present case.

Solicitors: Bull Astley & Harding, Newport Pagnell; Mills & Reeve, Cambridge.

Damages not recoverable for bank distress

McConville and Others v Barclays Bank and Others

Before Judge John Hicks, QC

[Judgment June 22]

Damages were not recoverable for worry and distress caused to bank customers arising from allegedly unauthorised debits from their accounts through automatic telling machines (ATMs).

Judge John Hicks, QC, sitting as an Official Referee, so held in deciding that as a preliminary issue on the facts alleged and in giving directions in actions brought by various customers against Barclays Bank, Lloyd's Bank, Midland Bank, the Trustee Savings Bank and Nationwide Building Society for wrongfully allowing debits from the plaintiffs' accounts through ATMs, which the plaintiffs claimed were unauthorised and which the defendants claimed were made, if at all, using the plastic cards and personal identity numbers (PINs) issued to the customers.

His Lordship gave leave under Order 15, rule 4(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court for the present plaintiffs and defendants to be joined together in one action until further order.

Halifax Building Society and Royal Bank of Scotland appeared by leave of the court.

Mr Alistair Kelman for the plaintiffs; Mr Ali Malek for Barclays; Mr Roderick Cordara for Lloyd's; Mr Richard Salter for Midland; Mr George Leggatt for TSB; Mr Brian Hurst for Nationwide; Mr Richard Price for Halifax; Mr Terence Mowschenson for Royal Bank of Scotland.

JUDGE HICKS said, after considering, *Rae v The Yorkshire Bank* ([1988] FLR 1) and *Watts v Morrow* ([1991] 1 WLR 1421) that the facts alleged in the instant cases came within none of the exceptions to the rule that damages for worry and distress were not recoverable for breach of contract.

His Lordship rejected an application by the plaintiffs that the defendants be required at their own expense to circulate a memorandum to their personal customers asking if they had suffered from unauthorised withdrawals from their accounts by means of ATMs and informing them of their entitlement to seek leave to join the action.

The application was misconceived.

While accepting that on the evidence there was likely to be a substantial number of persons who had suffered what they claimed were unjustifiable debits to their accounts of the kind complained of in the action, and that it was a legitimate concern to give as many persons as practicable and proper, and who wished to join, the opportunity of doing so, nevertheless, the means suggested were quite inappropriate.

There was no good reason why the substantial expense of such an exercise should fall on the defendants, who also had a legitimate commercial interest in not being required to suggest to their own customers that those customers should bring claims against them on a basis that the defendants themselves did not accept as well founded.

In deciding that the claims should not be severed immediately, his Lordship said that he envisaged that the action would continue as a single action in the High Court until the adjourned applications for striking out and any further preliminary issues as to recoverability of particular heads of damage which might be ordered were disposed of and until applications to join additional parties had been heard.

At the other end of the time scale it seemed inevitable that there would have to be separate trials or arbitrations in the county court of individual claims in order to deal, at least, with the evidence on the plaintiffs' side of the situation as the date of the alleged withdrawals.

Solicitors: J. Keith Park & Co, St Helens; Lovell White Durrant; Linklaters & Paines; Jaques & Lewis; Lovell White Durrant; Mr R. C. Morant, Swindon; Dibb Lupton Broomhead, Leeds; Stephenson Harwood.

County court staff warned over turning applicants away

Islington London Borough Council v Harridge

Before Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Farquharson

[Judgment June 25]

It was arguable that a solicitor attending at a county court to apply for an emergency suspension of the execution of a possession warrant and who was sent away because the duty judge had finished his day's list, had thereby made an application for the purposes of section 85(2) of the Housing Act 1985.

County court officials should be most cautious about turning any person seeking to make an application away from the front counter unless they had the authority of a judge or district judge to do so.

The Court of Appeal so stated when granting a tenant, Sylvia Harridge, leave to appeal from an order by Judge Simpson in Clerkenwell County Court on May 20, 1993 refusing to suspend a warrant of execution of a possession order in favour of the landlords, Islington London Borough Council.

Section 85(2) of the 1985 Act gave to the court the power to stay, suspend or postpone an order for possession at any time before its execution.

Mr Adrian Jack for the tenant; Mr Ranjit Bhose for the council.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the tenant's solicitor had gone to the court office in the afternoon of May 12, 1993 to apply to suspend the warrant due to be enforced the next morning.

Judge Simpson, having finished his list, was at the time in his chambers but was not informed of the solicitor's presence. The solicitor was sent away, being told to make his application the following day.

The warrant was duly executed the next morning but later in the day the judge granted an injunction against the landlords temporarily restoring the tenant to occupation of the property and directing a hearing of the case on May 20.

On that day he discharged the injunction and refused a further suspension of the warrant. The tenant sought leave to appeal against that order.

For the council, it was argued that the judge had no jurisdiction to suspend execution of the possession order because when he did so on May 13, it had already been executed.

But it was arguable that if the solicitor had by his actions made an application to the court the previous day then on the authority of *In re Keystone Knitting Mills' Trade Mark* ([1929] 1 Ch 92) the judge was entitled to make the order.

In *National Westminster Bank v Powney* ([1991] Ch 339, 361) Lord Justice Slade had said that it was "a cardinal principle of procedural law that no party should suffer unnecessarily from delay which is not his fault but rather a fault in the administration of justice".

Applying that principle, it was arguable that an application was to be treated as made on May 12 so that the judge had jurisdiction to make his order the following day.

The tenant's other ground of appeal that the payment and acceptance of her housing benefit by the council for a period of one year after the making of the "forthwith" possession order against her created an implied new tenancy also raised an important issue of general importance to local authorities and was a matter that should be fully argued before three lord justices.

Lord Justice Farquharson agreed.

Solicitors: Lizzimore Braithwaites; Holloway; Ms Marie Rosenthal, Islington.

Assisting appellants to the Privy Council in costs

The Queen v Beckford and Another

In criminal cases the practice of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council was not to award a successful appellant costs against the Crown unless there were wholly exceptional circumstances.

The Judicial Committee (Lord Griffiths, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Lowry, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Woolf) so stated on June 22 in setting aside an order for costs made on April 1 against the Crown on allowing an appeal by the respondents, Michael Beckford and Joel Shaw, against the dismissal by the Court of Appeal of Jamaica of their applications for leave to appeal against their convictions for murder.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that unfortunately, through a misunderstanding, an order for costs had been incorporated into the judgment and the Board proposed under the slip rule to delete the reference to costs from the order.

For a clear understanding of the position as to the future: if a petition for leave was successful, counsel for the appellant should ask the Board to make a recommendation that the appellant should receive assistance in relation to the costs of the appeal.

That request was, as a matter of practice, never opposed by the Crown and was always acceded to by the Board.

That practice their Lordships would continue and it was to be hoped that if for any reason the appellant, through oversight, did not ask for a recommendation he would be prompted to do so by counsel for the Crown.

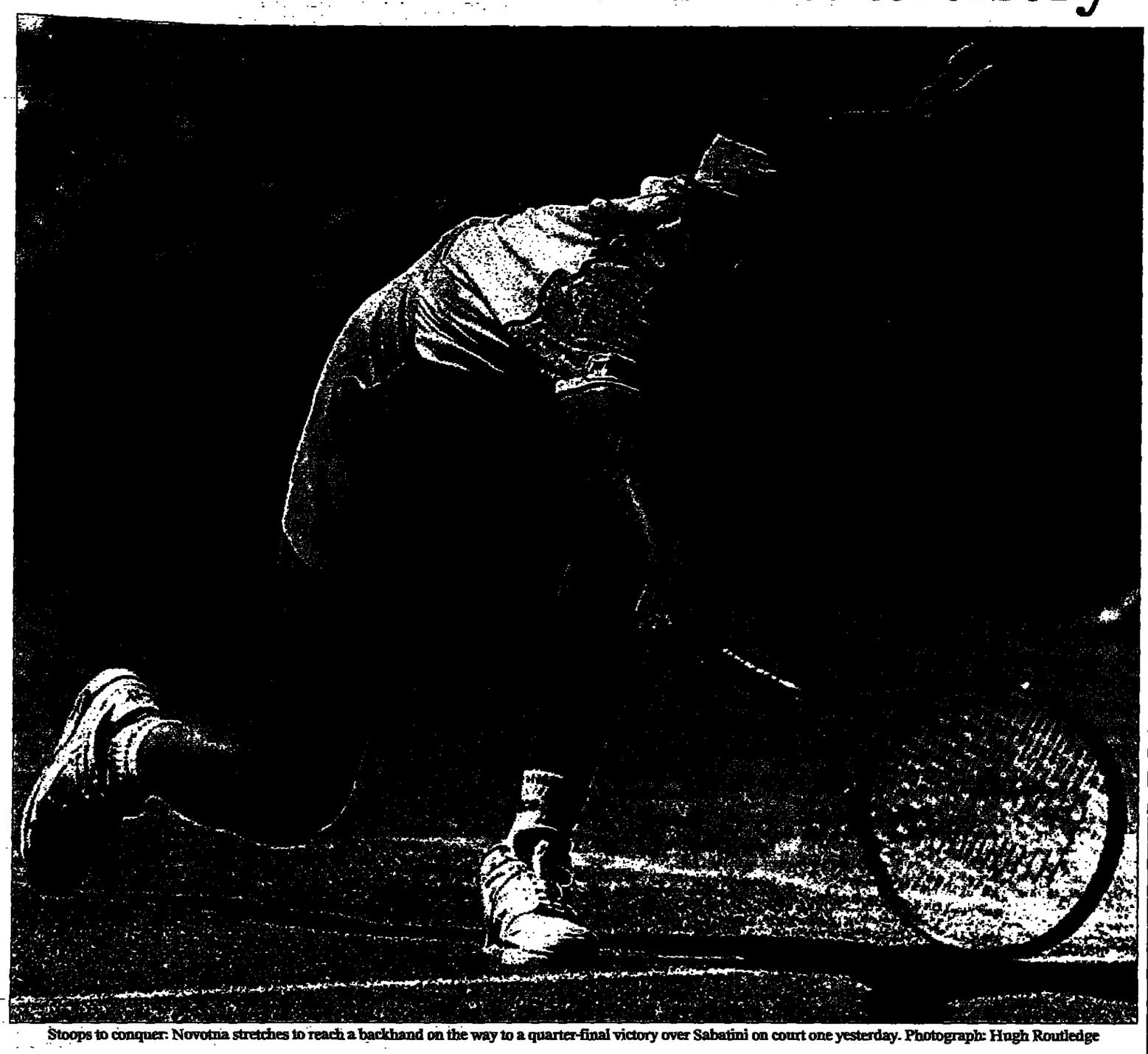
That system was working satisfactorily, and it was the practice the Board would continue to follow.

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Stumbling Sabatini feels full force of self-confident Czech's unanswerable assault

Novotna and Martinez show artistry

David Miller enjoys two matches spiced with aggression that bodes well for women's claims for equal pay



Stoops to conquer: Novotna stretches to reach a backhand on the way to a quarter-final victory over Sabatini on court one yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Four millionaire ladies, with some $15.5 million in prize-money between them, the eldest 28 and the youngest 21, graced court one yesterday: two Czechs versus two Latins, and it would have been hard to find two more absorbing matches, albeit that Jana Novotna and Conchita Martinez, of Spain, won their quarter-finals in straight sets.

Those who occasionally question, as I have done in the past, the right of women to have similar prize-money to men, must pause to consider the comparative strokes-per-point played by women, especially on grass. Yesterday's two matches must each have had more strokes in two sets than Ivanisevic sometimes hits when winning a five-setter in straight sets.

Not too many would have forecast before the championships began that the respective women's No 8 and No 6 seeds would reach the semi-finals, but yesterday there was an assertiveness about each of them that was compelling to watch. Neither Gabriela Sabatini, the Argentinian No 4 seed, nor Helen Sukova, the other Czech and seeded No 15, could find an answer to the problems, hugely different, confronting them.

Novotna's defeat of Sabatini by 6-4, 6-3, never in doubt other than the moment in the second set when Sabatini had break point for a 4-2 lead — Novotna putting an open-court smash into the net — was the more significant. Here was the emergence of a fast-court player, happy on grass, who can be a new contender for the women's title.

At 24, Novotna is neither young, considered alongside Seles and Capriati, nor old compared with former veterans at the business of winning titles such as Evert and Navratilova. It is Navratilova whom Novotna must now play tomorrow, a former compatriot from Prague whom Novotna recalls, not unkindly, was "too old" to have been her childhood inspiration at home in Brno.

Yesterday Novotna, a finalist at the Australian Open in 1991, unsettled the glamorous Sabatini as surely as a fox in the chicken run. The analogy will not worry Novotna. Being aggressive is not a characteristic she tries to subdue.

"I've been criticised [for being aggressive], but it isn't anybody's business but mine," she said with a smile from the palest of blue eyes. "If people don't know me they can't judge me. And if they do, they are wrong . . ."

Arthur Ashe, in his post-humously published *Days of Grace*, discusses the acute psychological strains that are placed upon women players by social perceptions and conditioning. Standardised codes of femininity — as opposed to feminism — have obliged women, in general, to deny being competitive: to be so, they must therefore be subversive. But competitiveness becomes clandestine and, Ashe argues, often self-destructive, often exacerbating elements of feminine vulnerability.

Women players, Ashe observes from years of playing alongside them, fear not so much to *seem* selfish, greedy and envious but to *be so*. For men there is no such problem, competitiveness is a virtue, even in some societies an ideal. Men's competitiveness, therefore, can be impersonal, in a way impossible, until now, for women.

In the conflict between femininity and the equally perceived need, in games, for the Killer Instinct, the one performer wholly to master the act was Evert. For many, the conflict leads to a double life, on and off court, to comply with the normal terms in which women are viewed by society.

A bleak prospect, Ashe reflects, and one that leads to women being polite in public, on court but having, off court, some unrelieved rivalries far more intense than between men; never mind how much the men may publicly sometimes swear at each other.

I do not know how the four women on court one yesterday feel about each other in private, but there was typically, not so much as a curled lip to seen on another day of glorious sunshine. Women's emotions are required to be repressed out there, but there was no hiding Novotna's will to win nor her joy when she did so.

Her confidence had showed. Sabatini, ranked four in the world, repeatedly hung her head to one side or the other as the match began to slide away from her. There had been no real sign of trouble in the first four games, but now she suddenly found herself 40-0 down on service with a loose drive, a netted backhand from the baseline, and Novotna's sharp forehand volley and then a drop shot from the Czech which Sabatini scuffed out of court.



Martinez: impressive

Novotna served to 4-2, now beginning to attack the net. In the next game Sabatini, sensing a degree of urgency, attempted to do the same, held on for 4-3, and was then serving to save the set at 5-3 down. Only her fine athleticism, her ability to cover the court down both flanks as Novotna pushed her wide, enabled her to hold on, but with a glorious backhand pass and forehand volley, Novotna moved to set point and took it on Sabatini's unforced error.

Sabatini showed spirit in her resistance. Though broken for 2-1 in the second set by Novotna's telling lob and a forehand pass, she broke back for 2-2 with the help of a double fault and then had her point for a 4-2 lead which Novotna saved with a drilled forehand. The next game saw the effective end. Sabatini double faulted, was outmanoeuvred by Novotna's faded cross-court return, drove a backhand out at the end of a fine rally and at 40-15 was beaten by a solid first service. It would be rash to forecast the defeat of Navratilova tomorrow, but if Novotna can sweep to the net as confidently as she did yesterday we might be in for a fine surprise.

Martinez, who has won three of five finals this year, including the Italian Open in which she beat Navratilova, Fernandez and Sabatini, has a near-impossible task, it would seem against Graf, never mind that she broke Sukova's service six times in winning 6-1, 6-4. At 21, she has a flowing forehand, with a huge back swing and follow-through. When the game is going for her, she is like a galleon in full sail, and a pensive Sukova was never in the hunt. Vainly did she resist the blistering attack from the far baseline of the youngster who has risen to sixth place in the rankings with handy career prize-money takings of $1.7 million. She is going to earn a lot more.

Big hitter Brenda shaming the men

THERE is little equality at Wimbledon. The women get paid less than the men and only 20 per cent of the spectators would choose to watch a women's match over a men's. But when it comes to business on court, there is little to separate the sexes.

IBM have been timing the serves on Centre Court, and have discovered that Brenda Schulz can outserve many a man. Against Jennifer Capriati, the 6ft 2in Dutch player cannoned down the ball at 115mph, the fastest serve ever recorded by a woman. It compares favourably with the men's top 16, outpacing the likes of Stefan Edberg (113mph), Jamie Morgan (113mph), Aaron Krikstein (112mph), and Amos Mansdorf (109mph).

Agassi tops

British women see Andre Agassi, the men's champion, as the most exciting sportsman in the world, an opinion poll revealed yesterday. The American picked up 25 per cent of the votes, ahead of Nigel Mansell and Frank Bruno, with 12 per cent.

However, among British males, Agassi trailed behind in sixth place with just seven per cent of the votes. It came as little surprise that Agassi was particularly popular among males and females between the ages of 16 and 24, from whom he received 23 per cent of the vote.

Celebration

Martina Navratilova is not the only one celebrating a 21st Wimbledon. Christopher Gorringe, chief executive of the All England Club, has come of age at this year's championships. Gorringe thought he had kept his landmark under wraps until a colleague did a few calculations. Overnight, a cake was organised to celebrate the occasion.

Shady deal

The ball boys and girls at the championships were yesterday allowed to wear hats as protection against the sun.

However, the "centres", who collect balls by the net, decided to do without the caps lest they flew off when they ran and disrupted the game. The "bases", standing at the end of the court, suffer more from the heat, and many yesterday chose to wear the new headgear of dark blue baseball caps.



Quote of the day

Martina Navratilova, on being asked about the 12-year-old prodigy from Switzerland, Martina Hingis, named in honour of the nine times Wimbledon champion: "If she was a 12-year-old of mine, I wouldn't let her play."

ALIX RAMSAY

Men's singles

Winner £305,000

Runner-up £152,000

Holder: A Agassi (US)

Late results from Monday

Fourth round

P SAMPRAS (US) bt A Foster (GB), 6-1, 6-2, 7-6.

A AGASSI (US) bt R KRAJICEK (Holl), 7-5, 7-6, 7-6.

C Pioline (Fr) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-7, 8-6.

Men's doubles

Holders: J McEnroe (US) and M Stich (Ger)

Late result from Monday

Third round

P Kuhnen (Ger) and G Muller (SA) bt A Boetsch and O Delaitre (Fr), 6-7, 7-5, 7-6, 7-5.

Yesterday

Third round

M J Bates (GB) and B Black (Zim) bt W FERREIRA (SA) and M STICH (Ger), 7-6, 4-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Quarter-finals

T A WOODBRIDGE and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt M J Bates (GB) and B Black (Zim), 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

P Kuhnen (Ger) and G Muller (SA) bt R Deppe (SA) and M Knowles (Bah), 6-2, 6-4, 7-6.

Women's singles

Winner £275,000

Runner-up £137,500

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

Quarter-finals

S GRAF (Ger) bt J CAPRIATI (US), 7-6, 6-1.

J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt G SABATINI (Arg), 6-4, 6-3.

C MARTINEZ (Sp) bt H SUKOVA (Cz), 6-1, 6-4.

M NAVRATILOVA (US) bt N Zvereva (Belarus), 6-3, 6-1.

Women's doubles

Holders: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belarus)

Late result from Monday

Third round

M J FERNANDEZ and Z GARRISON-JACKSON (US) bt Y Basuki (Indo) and M Paz (Arg), 6-4, 6-1.

Yesterday

Quarter-finals

M J FERNANDEZ and Z L GARRISON-JACKSON (US) bt L M McNEIL (US) and R P STUBBS (Aus), 7-5, 7-6.

Mixed doubles

Holders: C Suk (Cz) and Mrs L Savchenko-Neiland (Lat)

Late results from Monday

First round

S KRUGER and Miss A COETZER (SA) bt N Broad (GB) and Miss J Richardson (NZ), 7-6, 7-5.

Second round

T WOODBRIDGE (Aus) and Miss A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt S Davis and Miss L Davenport (US), 6-2, 6-3.

R Reneberg and Miss B Nagelsen (US) bt L Warder (Aus) and Miss C Suire (Fr), 6-1, 6-4.

G MICHIBATA and Miss J HETHERINGTON (Can) bt L Pimek (Bel) and Miss S Collins (US), 7-6, 3-6, 6-1.

P GALBRAITH and Miss K RINALDI (US) bt B Garnett (US) and Miss K Radford (Aus), 6-2, 6-4.

J Apell and Miss M Strandlund (Swe) bt J Ellingh and Miss M Oremans (Holl), 7-5, 6-4.

Yesterday

Quarter-finals

S KRUGER and Miss A J COETZER (SA) bt C B Bailey and Miss M Javer (GB), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Boys singles

First round

Late results on Monday

G Carraz (Fr) bt C Tambue (Ger), 6-2, 6-4; R Sabau (Rom) bt D Omaboe (Ghana), 6-2, 7-6.

Yesterday

First round

J J Esqueda (Mex) bt P Zannoni (Br), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Second round

J Delgado (GB) bt S Downs (NZ), 6-8, 7-6; B Ellwood (Aus) bt D Van Scheppingen (Holl), 7-5, 6-3; J Szymanski (Ven) bt S Suwandi (Indo), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; C N'goran (Ivory Coast) bt T Suzuki (Japan), 7-5, 6-4; N Escude (Fr) bt N Lapentti (Ec), 6-4, 6-0; G KUERTEN (Br) bt A Ille (Aus), 6-2, 7-6; P G Martin (GB) bt J N R Baily (GB), 6-1, 4-6, 7-5; J Greenhalgh (NZ) bt J Sekulov (Aus), 6-3, 6-2; R Wassan (Holl) bt N Godwin (SA), 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; J Appel (US) bt L Olguin (Arg), 6-2, 3-6, 6-0; A Strambini (Switz) bt J Roddick (US), 6-4, 7-6; J Novak (Cz) bt S Humphries (US), 6-3, 6-4.

Girls singles

Late results from Monday

First round

T T Weng (Taiwan) bt R Tedjakusuma (Indo), 6-0, 6-2; M Diaz Oliva (Arg) bt J Manta (Switz), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; D Randrianiely (Madagascar) bt S Mingmolee (Thai), 7-5, 6-2; Z Nemsakova (Slovakia) bt M V Benitez (Par), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; M Koutstaal (Holl) bt C Morce (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; A Strambini (Switz) bt J Roddick (US), 6-4, 7-6.

Yesterday

Second round

N Feber (Bel) bt E Jelis (GB), 6-1, 6-1; H Rusch (Ger) bt B Castro (Chile), 6-3, 6-0; J Lee (US) bt A Besica (US), 6-3, 6-4; L Courtois (Bel) bt Y J Choi (S Kor), 6-2, 6-2; M Hingis (Switz) bt Z Nemsakova (Slovakia), 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; T T Weng (Taiwan) bt A Glass (Ger), 6-3, 6-3; S H Park (S Kor) bt L Hlope (SA), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; N Vaidyanathan (Indo) bt M Gargulakova (Slovakia), 6-3, 6-3; A Pastor (Fr) bt J STEVEN (US), 6-4, 6-3; Y Yoshida (Japan) bt A M H Wainwright (GB), 7-6, 6-2; F M La'o (Phil) bt H Mochizuki (Japan), 6-4, 6-3; R Grande (It) bt M Schwarzmann (Switz), 6-0, 6-0; M Diaz Oliva (Arg) bt T Croson (GB), 6-4, 7-5.

Success in doubles for Bates

JEREMY Bates yesterday became the third British player to reach the last eight of the men's doubles. He and Byron Black, of Zimbabwe, won the last two sets to beat Michael Stich and Wayne Ferreira 7-6, 4-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Chris Wilkinson and Paul Hand won through to the quarter-finals on Monday but Bates and Black were trailing by two sets to one in their third-round match when bad light halted play.

Yesterday, they played with great confidence from the start and, after taking the fourth set to level the match, took almost complete control in the final set. Stich won the title with John McEnroe last year but he and Ferreira made too many errors in the fifth set, which ended with Black serving out for a notable victory.

For the first time, the championships are being beamed to the national Chinese television network, which will screen 15 hours of coverage starting from tomorrow. They hope to attract an audience of 120 million to the men's finals, only 20 per cent of their audience. They aim to do better next year. They sent a schedule of possible dates to help the media co-ordinators at Wimbledon.

The only problem was that the schedule was written in Chinese. Overall, Wimbledon attracts a world-wide television audience of over 600 million.

Courier escapes disqualification

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ALAN Mills, the Wimbledon referee, said yesterday that he had intervened to stop Jim Courier, the No 3 seed, from being disqualified for foul language.

The American was fined about £1,000 for an outburst over a line call during his third-round match on Saturday but the chair umpire, Jeremy Shales, initially told Mills he wanted to default the world No 2.

"Jeremy did suggest a default but there was a lot of doubt about what was actually said," Mills said. "I gave the player the benefit of that doubt." The referee had been summoned by Courier after Shales turned off his microphone and informed the player he was not prepared to take any more abuse.

Courier, who went on to beat Jason Stoltenberg, the Australian, in four sets, said after the match that he had been guilty of bad language. "I swore and deserved a code violation. It was in the heat of the moment. I wish I could take it back but I can't."

Pete Sampras, the world No 1, has escaped censure following a televised incident with the crowd at the end of his fourth-round victory over Andrew Foster, of Britain.

Mills said no complaint had been received by the chair umpire despite allegations that Sampras swore at spectators who had been cheering for Foster.

But Mills said he was very unhappy about the increasing abuse of officials by players at Wimbledon this year. "I don't think there's an element of doubt about that," he said, claiming that the first-round antics of Patrick McEnroe were largely to blame.

"It all started way back with McEnroe and [Chris] Bailey. If the chair umpire had done his job properly, I don't think we would have had so many problems. He didn't and a lot of players seem to have decided they can do what they like."

McEnroe was fined about £660 last Wednesday for shouting an obscenity at the umpire. Paul Haarhuis, Wally Masur and Patrik Kuhnen are among other leading players who have been fined for swearing during Wimbledon this year.

Sampras will not suffer a similar fate. He claimed he merely shouted "thank you" and "God bless you" at British spectators before hitting a ball into the crowd.

Tony Pickard, the British Davis Cup captain who coaches Stefan Edberg, has sounded a note of caution over the British revival at Wimbledon this year.

"Remember that all our recent wins, just before and during Wimbledon, have been on grass. The time to assess whether there has been a boom in British tennis is at the end of the year, not after a few wins at Wimbledon," he said.

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Answers from page 44

CLYPE

(a) To infotm on a person, to tell tales, obscurely developed from the OE *cleppian*, whence *clepe*: "Begg, the censorious cashier, ever ready to clype on his subordinates."

KALGAN

(c) Used attributively or absolutely to designate a fur obtained from the kalgan lamb, from *Kalgan*, name of the capital of Chahar Province, China: "Tank top and battle jacket trimmed in white Kalgan lamb." "Kalgan in Chibli, northern China, is a junction city on the Kiachta-Peiping route, and furs offered from that city are taken in the districts just mentioned."

TWOFER

(b) Also *toofah*, *toofur*, etc. A cigar sold at two for a quarter, hence, any cheap cigar, from two + representation of the preposition *for*; P. G. Wodehouse, *The Inimitable Jeeves*: "I found him lying on the bed with his feet on the rail, smoking a toofah."

RHINEGRAVE

(a) Petticoat breeches, through the French *rhingrave*: "Rhinegraves, immensely wide in the leg and pleated or gathered on to a waistband, falling like a divided skirt to the knees or just above." "Rhinegrave are full breeches, with bunches of ribands at the knee. Molière, in the *Bourgeois Gentilhomme*, mentions them."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The thrust 1 d8! destroys the black defences. 1 ... Qxd6 2 Qf3+ and 3 Qxf7+ winning quickly.

Humiliating reverse underlines gap between first team and midweek counterparts

Lions selectors get their priorities right

Waikato 38
British Isles XV 10

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN HAMILTON

AT LEAST there can be no debate about the team that will represent the British Isles in the final tour match on Saturday. Today, the Lions will announce an unchanged XV to play New Zealand after witnessing here a humiliation to equal that of Hawke's Bay last week.

No provincial team has ever scored such a conclusive victory over the Lions. Otago scored 37 points earlier this tour but their winning margin was only 13 points; New Zealand scored 38 points against the 1983 Lions in the final international. But Waikato's domination at Rugby Park was complete; if Matthew Cooper, their full back and only All Blacks squad member, had kicked more accurately, the score would have reached 50.

Waikato, the 1992 national champions, have had to wait a long time for this. They have achieved famous victories over the 1956 Springboks, the 1979 French — captained by Kevin Greene, their present coach — and the 1990 Australians but never over the Lions. Yesterday, they made up for it with two goals, three tries and three penalty goals against a goal and a penalty.

They did so with a variation of the tactics used by Otago, by driving further with their fiery forwards against a midweek side that, in certain positions, has been completely unable to sustain the demands of an eight-week tour.

Broadly speaking, the Lions backs, in particular Carling and Barnes, should be excepted from criticism in that they found themselves having to do so much of the forwards' work. Time and again Stevenson, Anderson and Jerram carved past sluggish forwards, creating great gaps that the Lions were slow to fill. But for some indifferent passing by Waikato, they must surely have scored more than five tries.

They have, too, an interesting player in Duane Monkley. He is the Neil Back of New Zealand rugby; he is said to be too small for the All Blacks but, yesterday, he scored two tries and nearly cut Carling in half as the centre tried to gather Barnes's poor pass. It was greatly to Carling's credit that he stayed on the field with a painful shoulder, even more that he could still find gaps and score the try that was some small solace.

Monkley's forte is support; his first try was at the heart of a maul, the second at the shoulder of Mitchell, his captain. How impressed the New Zealand selectors will be remains in doubt but there is no doubt that the champions feel resentment at their lack of representation in the All Blacks squad.

Equally, the Lions management must now be convinced that criticism made when the tour party was announced has been proved valid. Ian McGeechan, the coach, offered no public explanation for the decline and fall of the tight forwards who served Scotland so well in the five nations but that is a different competition, with different demands. Here, week after week, the rugby is so hard that some players have been unable to cope.

"You have to be very hard mentally to keep performing," McGeechan said. Geoff Cooke, the manager, admitted that he had not expected such a gap to develop between the international XV and the midweek side. "Today, we were well beaten by a side playing with a lot of skill and commitment," Cooke said.

In the first quarter, the Lions scarcely saw the ball and Waikato ran up 15 points, their first try falling to Wilson with only 50 seconds on the clock. There was a beautiful continuity about their game that the Lions, even when they settled into a halting kind of stride, could never equal. Only a Barnes penalty halted Waikato's first-half rush and even when they achieved attacking positions — as they did with more frequency than the score suggests — the Lions' play was so inaccurate they could make nothing of them.

The improvement in the second half was marginal, with Waikato restricted to 12 points against the Lions' seven. But the ease with which they kept the Lions at bay was typified by Gatland's casual stroll over the line for Waikato's final try.

What the Lions might have achieved with more industrious forwards was shown late on by two successful rucks, a touchline dart by Wallace and support from Carling. What they got may prove to be a sad international epitaph for such fine players as Robert Jones and Teague, who deserved far better for their respective contributions to Welsh and English rugby.

SCORERS: Waikato: Tries: Monkley (2), Wilson, Collins, Gatland. Conversions: Cooper (2). Penalty goals: Cooper (3). British Isles: Try: Carling. Conversion: Barnes. Penalty: Barnes.
WAIKATO: M Cooper; D Wilson, A Collins, R Ellison, W Warlow; I Foster, S Grabb; C Stevenson, W Gatland, G Purvis, R Jerram, S Gordon, B Anderson (rep: M Russell, 72mins), D Monkley, J Mitchell (captain).
BRITISH ISLES XV: A Clement (Swansea); R Wallace (Garryowen), V Cunningham (St Mary's College), W Carling (Harlequins, captain), T Underwood (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath), R Jones (Swansea); P Wright (Boroughmuir), K Milne (Heriot's FP), P Burnell (London Scottish), M Teague (Moseley), D Cronin (London Scottish), A Reed (Bath), R Webster (Swansea), M Galwey (Shannon).
Referee: T Marshall (Canterbury).

DAVID ROGERS/ALLSPORT



Bowing to the inevitable: Carling, the Lions' captain for the day, at the end of a morale-sapping defeat against Waikato yesterday

Manchester's bid receives Major boost



David Miller reports on how the prime minister rallied to the cause of a British city

The Manchester Olympic bid for 2000 is rolling almost as convincingly as Stefan Edberg at Wimbledon, thanks to the off-court performance at No 10 of the prime minister. His reception at lunchtime on Monday for visiting members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has closed the gap behind the leading contenders for the millennium games, Peking and Sydney.

General Mills Holst-Sorensen, of Denmark, a former commander of Nato forces, said yesterday before leaving Copenhagen: "It was a very exciting moment. The prime minister was most convincing in his support for the bid, though we had been told this was so. John Major made the promise that he will be there to represent Manchester at their presentation before the vote in Monte Carlo in September. That is something most important for the Olympic movement, that a figure such as the prime minister will take off time to do this, and it is important for the Manchester bid."

All the visitors who came to inspect Manchester's facilities over the weekend were substantially impressed with the advance since the previous bid for 1996, which failed in Tokyo three years ago. One of those who was most surprised was C. K. Wu, the IOC member for Taiwan, who was one of the chief architects for the development of Milton Keynes.

Wu is likely to vote for Peking, because of obvious mutual interests, but now his mind has been cast into some doubt. "I could not believe the extent of the improvement" he said. "Manchester is now a much stronger candidate than I believed before and must be considered very seriously."

Ivan Dibos, of Peru, who has visited all the candidate cities, considers the technological aspects of Manchester to be outstanding. "The presentation on telecommunications by the BBC was the best of its kind I have seen anywhere," Dibos said.

Major, addressing some IOC members who had travelled directly by charter from Switzerland following the opening of the new Olympic museum last week, emphasised the total support, in spirit and substance, by the government for the bid. The government took seriously the ideals of the Olympic movement, he assured them, and the bid would be backed by the financial guarantee of the government because Britain intended to see that a games hosted in the north were as good as any staged.

Britain would honour the charter, Major stated, in relation to the admission of all competitors from whatever nation, while the construction of new venues would fulfil every commitment made on paper.

Following the luncheon at Downing Street, the IOC members attended Wimbledon and a demonstration of British professionalism in the staging of sporting events. For a Games in Manchester, a new tennis complex would be constructed, one of the many benefits that would remain afterwards for the north of England, not to mention a futuristic main stadium to be designed by Sir Norman Foster.

☐ Rod McGeoch, who is heading Sydney's Olympic bid, yesterday dismissed a report that Peking is now favourite to host the 2000 Games.

The report said that even Australian officials think Peking has the edge as an emerging power with a huge potential consumer market. It also has the reported support of the IOC president, Juan Antonio Samaranch.

But McGeoch dismissed the suggestions. Hesaid the prospects of heavy political and commercial pressure being exerted on individual IOC members to vote in a particular manner were "quite remote".



Major: convincing

French team strike it rich

A FRANCE XV outclassed a tough South African Development Selection 38-13 in a scrappy match in the gold mining town of Welkom yesterday. The match, the last before the second and final international in Johannesburg on Saturday, saw the French side score four tries to two against a dogged local selection made up largely of players from South Africa's under-privileged townships.

David Berty, the right wing, scored two tries for the touring team, in the 45th and 75th minutes, with the left wing, Pierre Hontas, and the hooker, Jean-Michel Gonzalez, claiming the others.

Pierre Montlaur, the France XV stand-off half, missed only one kick at goal in eight attempts to amass 18 points.

The France XV led 21-5 at half-time after conceding the first try of the match when the Development Selection stand-off half, Richard Hendricks, dispossessed Montlaur and raced 20 metres to the line in the eighteenth minute.

Allister Coetzee, the Development Selection scrum half and captain, scored the other try for the home side after a good move in the 62nd minute.

The France XV lost Xavier Blond, their captain, in the sixtieth minute because of an eye injury. He was replaced by Philippe Benetton, the flanker.

Stein to meet players

EDWIN STEIN, the Barnet manager, has called an emergency meeting at Underhill today for his players. Stein, who returned yesterday from a holiday in Singapore, has only nine players left under contract after today.

Two — Dominic Naylor and Richard Huxford — are among a number of Barnet players seeking free transfers at a Football League hearing at Millwall on Friday after going without wages and bonuses for more than a month.

Gary Bull, the Barnet forward who is valued at £500,000, is to demand a free transfer, along with Kenny Lowe, Paul Showler and Jonathan Hunt. Derek Payne and Mick Bodley are wanted by Plymouth Argyle.

Aston Villa and Notts County have been ordered to appear before the Football Association to answer charges of misconduct concerning three players imported from Australia. It is alleged that Villa breached domestic and Fifa rules over the signing of Mark Bosnich, a former Manchester United goalkeeper, from Sydney Croatia. County are in trouble over the arrival of Bob Catlin and Shaun Murphy, from Sydney and Perth respectively.

County will face an FA commission on July 15, and Villa on August 3.

The FA commission will have unlimited powers, including the deduction of points, but it seems likely that, if found guilty, a fine, warning or both is the more likely punishment.

Crews come on stream at Henley

BY MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

HENLEY Royal Regatta gets under way today with competition in five of the 16 events and, by tonight, 720 competitors will have been eliminated after an opening day programme of 80 races.

Sixteen races in the Thames Cup Eights will not include the "selected" crews, who enter the competition tomorrow. One of these is Bill Mason's Imperial College crew, who will race the winners of the contest today between Aberdeen RC and the Harvard Lightweights. Mason's crews excelled in 1992 with wins in the Temple and Ladies Plate events, but his entry for the Temple this year was upgraded by the stewards to the Thames and he has completely reshuffled the personnel to include six past Henley medal winners.

Imperial College's regard for Mason will be demonstrated in October when he is made an honorary associate of the college for his coaching efforts.

Imperial proved faster than Mitsubishi in a training spin on Monday. The Japanese were clearly spurred to greater efforts by the experience and were the first crew on the course at 6am yesterday.

Two non-selected crews in the Thames Cup worth watching are Galway RC, with four past Henley medal winners on board, and Upper Thames, coached by Sid Rand, the former Great Britain sculler and Henley winner, who has instilled a smooth style into his Henley-based crew.

The appearance of 32 school eights in the Princess Elizabeth Cup will inevitably swell the enclosure crowds today. The stewards bestowed selection on five British crews, two American and the Australian champions from Brisbane, but the draw has placed the leading three British schools national performers, St Edward's, Eton and Radley, all in one half of the draw. In the same half is a Canford crew that raised eyebrows by beating the Australians over a sprint course at Reading on Saturday.

Canford are coached by Derek Drury, coach to the celebrated Emanuel School crews of the Sixties. Drury, 67, who was called back to action last January, has clearly revived the Canford cause.

Oxford Brookes University, one of four selections in the Temple Cup eights, will be hoping to be third time lucky to celebrate the recent opening of their new boat house with victory.

Under Oxford Polytechnic colours, they lost to Bristol University, also selected this year, in the 1991 final and were joint favourites in 1992 until they suffered equipment failure.

They showed good form in Paris regatta recently and were subsequently awarded the team of the year trophy for their university.

The Japanese from Nihon University are the other selection on the Brookes side of the draw, steady improvers in the last three years, and Trinity College, Dublin, also selected, arrive with a strong reputation.

The composite Westminster and Belmont schools crew in the Temple, stroked by Graham Smith, the double Great Britain junior gold medal winner in the world championships, had an accident on the eve of the regatta when they ran into a moored barge and wrecked their boat. Dave Richies, their coach, sped back to Putney for a replacement for their race today against Reading University.

There are no clear favourites and some unknown quantities in the Wyfold and Britannia fours. Leander have selected status in both events. Their Wyfold combination perhaps impresses most and is in the same draw sector as a Danish crew from Odense that has two lightweight world champions on board.

Henley's famed competitive and social mix was evident even yesterday. The competitors from 19 nations, drawn to the most famous regatta in the world, had already worn away the grass in the boating area while the Stewards' Enclosure remained pristine.

The invasion today will diminish the difference in grass quality as Henley enters its 154th year but the worlds of serious competitors and socialisers will stay largely apart. Nobody seems to mind.

ORDER OF ROWING AT HENLEY

(first-named crew on Berkshire station)
0900: Thames Challenge Cup: Upper Thames B v Liverpool Students
0905: Thames: Agecroft B v Vesta
0910: Temple Challenge Cup: Newcastle University v University College London
0915: Wyfold Challenge Cup: Walton v London Welsh
0920: Britannia Challenge Cup: Auriol Kensington B v Molesey
0930: Thames: Thames Tradesmen's B v London University
0935: Thames: London B v Quintin
0940: Temple: Jesus/Downing, Cambridge v Southampton University
0945: Wyfold: Hereford v Nottingham University
0950: Britannia: Bath University v Furnivall Sculling Club
1000: Thames: Auriol Kensington v Upper Thames A
1005: Thames: Molesey v Dartmouth A (US)
1010: Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup: Bedford Modern v Shrewsbury A
1015: Wyfold: Upper Thames A v Bewl Bridge
1020: Britannia: City of Cambridge v Tideway Scullers' School
1030: Thames: Thames Tradesmen's A v Durham University B
1035: Temple: Queens', Cambridge v Edinburgh University
1040: Princess Elizabeth: Pangbourne B v Kingston Grammar A
1045: Wyfold: Sons of the Thames v Thames
1050: Britannia: City of Oxford A v Auriol Kensington A
1100: Thames: Weybridge v Nottingham and Union
1105: Temple: Pembroke/Downing, Cambridge v Christ Church/Pembroke, Oxford
1110: Princess Elizabeth: Radley v Hampton
1115: Wyfold: Bedford A v Tideway Scullers' School
1120: Wyfold: Worcester v Wallingford
1130: Thames: Cherwell v Thames
1135: Temple: Westminster/Belmont Abbey v Reading University
1140: Princess Elizabeth: Phillips Exeter Academy (US) v Selborne College (SA)
1145: Wyfold: Nottingham and Union v Agecroft
1150: Britannia: Goldie v Nottinghamshire Co
1200: Thames: Lea A v Durham University C
1205: Temple: Association Sportive de l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Fr) v Sheffield University
1210: Princess Elizabeth: Pangbourne A v Riverview (US)
1215: Britannia: Scottish Argonauts A v London University
1220: Britannia: Thames v Harvard (US)
1230: Thames: Agecroft A v Neptune (Ire)
1235: Temple: Lady Margaret, Cambridge v Emmanuel, Cambridge
1240: Princess Elizabeth: King Edward VII HS (SA) v King's, Chester
1245: Britannia: Scottish Argonauts B v Thames Tradesmen's B
1250: Britannia: City of Oxford B v Newark
1430: Thames: Isis B v Walton
1435: Thames: Aberdeen v Harvard (US)
1440: Princess Elizabeth: Cheltenham v Brisbane Boys' College (Aus)
1445: Wyfold: London A v Gloucester
1450: Britannia: Leander Club v Bedford
1500: Thames: Rob Roy v Durham University
1505: Temple: University College, Dublin v Oxford Brookes University
1510: Temple: Queens', Belfast v Colgate University (US)
1515: Britannia: London A v Free Press
1520: Wyfold: Scottish Argonauts v Odense (Den)
1530: Thames: Société d'Encouragement du Sport Nautique (Fr) v Utrecht Studenten Roeivereeniging Triton (Holl)
1535: Temple: Trinity College, Dublin v West of England University
1540: Princess Elizabeth: Oundle v Abingdon
1545: Wyfold: Marlow v Leander
1550: Britannia: Edinburgh University v Nottingham and Union
1700: Thames: Dartmouth (US) B v Lea B
1705: Princess Elizabeth: Eton v Bedford
1710: Princess Elizabeth: Shrewsbury Sch B v Holy Cross School (Can)
1715 Wyfold: City of Oxford v Vesta
1720: Britannia: Sons of the Thames v Carlow (Ire)
1730: Temple: Clare, Cambridge v Exeter/Queen's, Oxford
1735: Princess Elizabeth: St Edward's B v La Salle College (US)
1740: Princess Elizabeth: Canford v St Peter's
1745: Wyfold: Stourport v Thames Tradesmen's B
1750: Britannia: Belfast v London B
1800: Temple: Leeds University v St Hild and St Bede/Grey, Durham
1805: Princess Elizabeth: Hampton A v Monmouth
1810: Princess Elizabeth: Kingston GS B v St Paul's
1815: Wyfold: Lea v Auriol Kensington
1820: Britannia: Johns Hopkins University (US) v Thames Tradesmen's A
1830: Temple: Eton v Trinity Hall, Cambridge
1835: Princess Elizabeth: King's, Canterbury v Shiplake
1840: Temple: Bristol University v Christ's, Cambridge
1845: Wyfold: Molesey v London B
1850: Britannia: Quintin v Lea
1900: Temple: Queen's University (Can) v Nottingham University
1905: Temple: University of Wales College, Cardiff v Nihon University (Japan)
1910: Princess Elizabeth: St Edward's A v KCS Wimbledon
1915: Wyfold: Quintin v Thames Tradesmen's A
1920: Wyfold: Bedford B v Upper Thames C

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 9, Montreal Expos 5 (10 inns); St Louis Cardinals 3, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Chicago Cubs 4, San Diego Padres 3 (11 inns); Los Angeles Dodgers 4, San Francisco Giants 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 2, Chicago White Sox 0; New York Yankees 8, Detroit Tigers 2; Toronto Blue Jays 7, Baltimore Orioles 2; Boston Red Sox 4, Milwaukee Brewers 3; Seattle Mariners 4, Minnesota Twins 1.

BASKETBALL

MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group E (in Karlsruhe): Bosnia-Herzegovina 102, Latvia 97; Greece 76, Spain 75; Russia 95, Italy 89. Group F (in Berlin): Croatia 98, Estonia 80; Germany 77, Turkey 64; France 83, Belgium 65.

BOXING

LOS ANGELES: WBA junior lightweight championship: Genaro Hernandez (US, holder) bt Raul Perez (Mex), rsc 8th rnd.

EQUESTRIANISM

AACHEN: CHIO: Class one: 1, M Whitaker (Everest My Mesieur, GB); 2, T Fuchs (Planetta AC Folien, Switz); 3, W Melliger (Athlet, Switz). Class two: 1, M Whitaker (Everest Midnight Madness, GB); 2, P Pessoa (Loro Piana Special Envoy, Bra); 3, M Beerbaum (Almox Poker, Ger).

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Worcester: Glamorgan 109 (G R Haynes 4-9); Worcestershire 113-4. Worcestershire won by 6 wickets.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: St Peter's, York 217-7, Worksop College 95-4; Selborne College (SA) 243-8, St Peter's, York 173-8; Hereford Cathedral 196-8, Wrekin 198-4; Malding 269-4, Tetton Hall 198; MCC 216 (Slater 120 not out), Benenden 72; Melbourne GS (Aus) 188, King's, Bruton 188-7; Newcastle-under-Lyme 193-6 (N Clarke 101 not out), Wrekin 120-4; Old Georgians 241-7, St George's College 245-7 (G Henderson 132 not out).

GOLF

US RYDER CUP STANDINGS: 1, F Couples, 1,010,500pts; 2, P Azinger, 967,167; 3, T Kite, 853,333; 4, L Janzen, 873,810; 5, P Stewart, 798,393; 6, J Cook, 697,500; 7, C Pavin, 647,500; 8, D Love, 640,000; 9, M O'Meara, 508,250; 10, C Beck, 484,167; 11, D Forsman, 467,583; 12, R Mediate, 453,929; 13, T Lehman, 434,286; 14, J Maggert, 431,250; 15, K Cleaveitar, 419,166; 16, J Gallagher, 417,500; 17, L Mize, 405,239; 18, B Faxon, 398,333; 19, D Edwards, 390,000; 20, R Floyd, 377,500. Top ten qualify plus two wild cards.

HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: New Zealand 0, Germany 0 (in Auckland).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Waikato 38, British Isles XV 10 (in Hamilton); South African Development XV 13, France XV 38 (in Welkom).

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Division 1A: Reading 65, Cradley Heath 42. Division 1B: Wolverhampton 63, Coventry 45. Division 2B: Exeter 74, Sheffield 34.

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Gredley has best of both worlds

Julian Muscat meets an innovative owner receiving maximum performance from talents of his dual-purpose thoroughbred

IT IS one thing to sit back and collect £4,000 each time your thoroughbred stallion breeds to a harem of some 40 broodmares. Nice work, if you can get it.

To stand on the threshold of banking a six-figure sum from that stallion's racing exploits is surely the stuff of pipedreams yet Bill Gredley is riding that wave as his Environment Friend faces up to the rigours of the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on Saturday.

Human athletes insist that a healthy sexual appetite severely detracts from maximum performance on the track. In this case, however, the two equally strenuous demands have combined to bring out the best in Environment Friend.

"The horse is thriving and he's never been better in his life," was Gredley's testament yesterday. "He's a very fertile horse so he has not had a hard time in the covering barn. When he goes in, his ears are pricked and he's interested but, otherwise, he's more relaxed than he used to be."

In that respect, Environment Friend is a most unusual horse. Young male thoroughbreds are fine until the breeding instinct in them is triggered. But this process makes a man of them, so to speak, and they cannot get the experience out of their minds.

Even more remarkable, in Environment Friend's case, is that his daily exercise at Gredley's private stables is taken with Peaches Polly, an unraced full-sister to the same owner's User Friendly. You would have thought the grey horse would be hard to manoeuvre away from the filly's tail but not a bit of it. "She passes by and he just walks on like an old gelding," Gredley said.

"The horse had his problems last year but came back to his best at the end of the season. I was torn between standing him as a stallion or racing him as a five-year-old when I thought: 'Why not try both?'."

Gredley, 60, was not afraid to try this unconventional approach so when Environment Friend had established his fertility, he was saddled up and ridden around his owner's fabulous 1,000-acre stud farm in Stetchworth, on the outskirts of Newmarket. "When he had all the tack on, he literally came into another world. It was quite uncanny," his proud owner declared. Indeed, Environment Friend's exploits, when just inched out of the Coronation Cup by Opera House, has brought him his own fan club.

There is another great advantage to this unusual venture that itself reflects Gredley's own approach to the sport. Environment Friend has reversed the expensive process of promoting and advertising a young stallion's prospects.



Self-advertising: the stallion, Environment Friend, primed to run in Eclipse Stakes

Rather than paying for such a service, Gredley and his horse appear regularly on television for free. And the cash is coming in, through prize-money, rather than going out through advertising agencies. In the meantime, the horse draws attention to his racing ability, not to mention his impeccable temperament.

The formula could prove catching: certainly Gredley is keen to try again with a different horse next year. Who knows, perhaps Environment Friend will one day be racing against his own progeny?

In the last 20 years, only one horse, Mtoto, has won the Eclipse twice. Environment Friend is rated an 8-1 shot to emulate Alec Stewart's horse and follow up his victory in the race two years ago.

His task was made easier yesterday when the prevailing fast ground ruled out Fatherland, who now has the Prix Eugene Adam, at Saint-Cloud on July 14, in his sights. The bookmaker, Coral, sponsors of the Eclipse, have made Barathea and Tenby 5-2 joint-favourites, while Ladbrokes also took evasive action over Tenby, supported to 3-1 from a point longer.

Hills, meanwhile, bore the brunt of a plunge on the French challenger, Arcangues, now a 5-1 chance from double those odds. User Friendly remains an unlikely runner.

Bets withheld over 20-1 win

THE leading bookmakers were withholding payment yesterday on a Belgian-trained horse who landed a gamble at odds of 20-1 at Folkestone.

The two-year-old, Old Hook, beat the odds-on favourite, Window Display, in the Coomes Selling Stakes to provide Ostend-based Allan Smith with his first training success in Britain.

But within half an hour of the result, the Betting Office Licensees Association (Bola) was warning its members not to pay out while investigations into "unusual betting patterns" were undertaken.

John Johnson, a Bola spokesman, said yesterday: "There was larger money than you would expect for a horse of its price. We will be carrying out further enquiries but they will not be concluded today." Last September, Bola took two weeks to lift a no payment instruction after the 33-1 Jo N Jack coup.

Smith had carefully planned the gamble, employing members of his family to place bets in shops across the country as Old Hook drifted on the course from 10-1 to 25-1 before being returned 20-1.

"We wanted the bookies to squeal and it looks like we've done it," he said. "I have a large family, three brothers and my father-in-law's family, who all backed Old Hook.

"It was well planned, we were all waiting for it and we've all had a good bet. If the bookies are withholding payments, we will have to wait, but we will still be drinking champagne tonight."

Old Hook finished fifth on his debut at Brighton but was dropped in class and distance for the race yesterday. The stewards enquired into the apparent improvement but accepted Smith's explanation that the horse did not handle the track last time. A routine dope test was ordered.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SATIN DANCER (7.10 Epsom)

Next best: Albemine (4.00 Yarmouth)

THUNDERER

6.35 Eye Witness
7.10 General Chase
7.40 Yours By Right
8.10 Southern Ridge
8.40 Dee Raft
9.10 Persian Gusher

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 7F-1M 114YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.35 RICHARD LITTLEJOHN RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,976: 1m 2f 18yd) (7 runners)

101 (4) 055- CLEVER MINSTREL 18 (S Cohn) G Harwood 9-0 R Hills 89
102 (3) 332455 HALHAM TARN 6 (Lady Dundas) D Elsworth 9-0 J Williams 93
103 (1) 005-024 ICE REBEL 27 (J Hanbury) Miss B Sanders 9-0 W Newnes [illegible]
104 (2) 0-00443 ITS UNBELIEVABLE 9 (G Hopkins) J White 9-0 D Wright (7) 83
105 (6) 355-064 LT WELSH 22 (V) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 L Dettori 82
106 (7) 000-05 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 11 (Mrs A Hill) S Dow 9-0 B Rouse 82
107 (5) 0523- EYE WITNESS 14 (BF) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 97

BETTING: 5-2 Eye Witness, 4-1 Clever Minstrel, 5-1 Lt Welsh, 7-1 Halham Tarn, Ice Rebel, 14-1 Its Unbelievable, 20-1 Sir Thomas Beecham.

1992: HIDEYOSHI 9-0 W Carson (8-11 fav) D Elsworth 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLEVER MINSTREL 5¼l 5th of 9 to Guaver in a maiden at Sandown (7f, good to soft). HALHAM TARN 7l 5th of 9 to Sweven in an amateurs' race at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to firm). ICE REBEL 10l 4th of 9 to Fabulous Mtoto in a maiden over course and distance (good), with CLEVER MINSTREL (same terms) a head back in 5th. ITS UNBELIEVABLE 1¾l 3rd of 10 to Tonys Mist in a maiden at Windsor (1m 110yd, good). EYE WITNESS 6l 3rd of 9 to So Saucy in a handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: EYE WITNESS

7.10 EPSOM AND EWELL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,253: 1m 4f 10yd) (8 runners)

201 (8) -12-04 TAAHHUB 23 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-7 R Hills 93
202 (2) 200-362 SATIN DANCER 12 (G) (P Savill) G Harwood 9-5 K Darley 97
203 (6) 001- KIMBERLEY BOY 253 (S) (Mrs A Silver) B Hills 9-4 D Holland 90
204 (4) 40-0051 TOP RANK 8 (D,F) (A McPartland) M Pipe 8-13 (4ex) L Dettori 97
205 (5) 1-24441 WARM SPELL 16 (G,S) (K Higson) R Simpson 8-6 B Rouse 97
206 (1) 0140-11 GENERAL CHASE 87 (F,G) (T Pearson) D Burchell 8-4 Stephen Davies (5) 91
207 (3) 022-052 FOOLS ERRAND 7 (Mrs D Russell) R Hannon 8-4 T Quinn [illegible]
208 (7) 006-012 MR COPYFORCE 8 (F) (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 7-7 N Adams 94

BETTING: 4-1 Top Rank, 9-2 Fools Errand, 11-2 Satin Dancer, 6-1 Mr Copyforce, 7-1 Kimberley Boy, 8-1 General Chase, Warm Spell, 12-1 Taahhub.

1992: MAHFIL 4-9-2 T Quinn (7-4) R Akehurst 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

TAAHHUB 7¾l 4th of 5 to Palace Pageant in a conditions race at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). SATIN DANCER 1¾l 2nd of 14 to Big Pal in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). KIMBERLEY BOY beat FOOLS ERRAND (14lb better off) 4l in a 5-runner maiden at Chester (7f 110yd, good to soft). WARM SPELL beat Hoochiecoochie Man 1l in a 6-runner handicap at Windsor (1m 2f, good to soft). GENERAL CHASE beat Edge Of Darkness 2½l in an 18-runner handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, good). MR COPYFORCE ¾l 2nd of 5 to Dusty Point in a handicap at Newbury (1m 5f 110yd, good).
Selection: WARM SPELL (nap)

7.40 LBC NEWSTALK 97.3 FM HANDICAP (£5,775: 7f) (12 runners)

301 (2) 0116-63 ROCKY WATERS 20 (CD,F,G) (K Higson) G Moore 4-10-0 B Rouse 93
302 (4) 052-600 ECHO-LOGICAL 12 (F,G) (P Savill) R Hannon 4-9-5 K Darley 97
303 (12) 125401 RUNNING GLIMPSE 26 (C,F,G) (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 5-9-2 W Newnes 95
304 (10) 46420-0 PRENONAMOSS 20 (F) (Mrs W Oram) D Arbuthnot 5-8-13 R Price 91
305 (6) 24-0204 HELIOS 16 (CD,F) (Mrs C Painting) R Simpson 5-8-10 J Reid 96
306 (5) 200-000 CLAYBANK 14 (D,G) (D Smurfit) B Hills 4-8-10 D Holland 85
307 (7) 111-26 YOURS BY RIGHT 19 (BF,F,G,S) (J Turner) W G M Turner 3-8-8 L Dettori 98
308 (9) 40-0000 CONFRONTER 12 (V,D,G,S) (Hatfield Ltd) S Dow 4-8-8 T Quinn 93
309 (3) 430056 INVOCATION 16 (D,G) (R Kurrant) A Moore 6-8-3 N Adams 96
310 (8) 0-S0012 NEITHER NOR 5 (BF,F,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-7-13 (6ex) D Harrison (3) 98
311 (11) 226042 SECOND CHANCE 11 (G) (Down and Outs Racing) P Mitchell 3-7-11 D Wright (7) [illegible]
312 (1) D-410 MITHI AL GAMAR 19 (D,BF,F) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-7-11 A McGlone 92

BETTING: 6-1 Mithi Al Gamar, 7-1 Running Glimpse, 8-1 Echo-Logical, Neither Nor, Rocky Waters, 10-1 Helios, Yours By Right, 12-1 Claybank, Confronter, Second Chance, 14-1 Prenonamoss, 20-1 Invocation.

1992: ROCKY WATERS 3-8-13 B Rouse (11-1) G Lewis 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROCKY WATERS 1¼l 3rd of 10 to Croft Valley in a handicap at Newbury (7f good to firm), with PRENONAMOSS 11¼l 8th. ECHO-LOGICAL 3¾l 7th of 30 to Nagida in a handicap at Ascot (6f, soft). RUNNING GLIMPSE beat Samsolom 1½l in an 11-runner handicap here (6f, good). YOURS BY RIGHT ¾l 2nd of 11 to Great Hall in a handicap at Leicester on penultimate start (6f, good). INVOCATION 8¼l 6th of 16 to Grey Charmer in a handicap at Windsor (6f, good to soft). NEITHER NOR ¾l 2nd of 8 How's Yer Father in a handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). SECOND CHANCE 1l 2nd of 7 to Prairie Grove in a conditions race at Lingfield last time out (7f, good to soft).
Selection: ECHO-LOGICAL

8.10 EBF TATTENHAM MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,557: 5f) (10 runners)

401 (9) 336 BASKERVILLE 42 (Executors of Mrs J de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 J Reid 95
402 (10) BILLY CRUNCHEON (T Painting) R Simpson 9-0 A Tucker –
403 (4) 4320 DOLLAR GAMBLE 13 (J Leat) R Hannon 9-0 K Darley 98
404 (7) 06 EUROCHEM LAD 5 (B) (K Higson) G Moore 9-0 B Rouse 78
405 (8) 6 SOUTHERN RIDGE 28 (B Brown) D Elsworth 9-0 J Williams [illegible]
406 (3) 4 BOLD GEM 37 (F Wilson) B Meehan 8-9 B Raymond 92
407 (1) DAVIDS DIAMOND (D Steele) J Jenkins 8-9 T Quinn –
408 (6) DOMINO QUEEN (J Bornett) J Payne 8-9 L Dettori –
409 (2) 4 HEVER GOLF ROSE 37 (R Popely) T Naughton 8-9 D Holland 87
410 (5) 23556 KERRIE-JO 34 (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 8-9 R Hills 96

BETTING: 11-8 Dollar Gamble, 2-1 Southern Ridge, 5-1 Bold Gem, 8-1 Baskerville, Kerrie-Jo, 10-1 others.

1992: GLOWING DANCER 8-9 R Cochrane (9-2) J Jenkins 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BASKERVILLE 4l 6th of 14 to Zuno Star in a maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). DOLLAR GAMBLE 5l 2nd of 7 to Torch Rouge in a maiden at Nottingham on penultimate start (5f, firm). SOUTHERN RIDGE 4½l 6th of 14 to Reprehend in a maiden at Newbury (6f, good to firm). BOLD GEM 4½l 4th of 8 to Nsx in a maiden at Leicester (5f, good). DOMINO QUEEN (Foaled Jan 19) is by Primo Dominie, the first foal of a 5f-6f winner as a three-year-old. HEVER GOLF ROSE 6½l 4th of 10 to Istiblyak in a maiden at Leicester (5f, good).
Selection: SOUTHERN RIDGE

8.40 BURGH HEATH CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,785: 1m 114yd) (10 runners)

501 (7) 65-2253 CONSPICUOUS 47 (F Salman) P Cole 9-7 T Quinn 98
502 (6) 35-4214 THE EXECUTOR 19 (D,G) (Exors Mrs de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 9-7 J Reid 94
503 (5) 536113 RAGING THUNDER 4 (B,D,G) (P Savill) G Lewis 9-4 K Darley 83
504 (1) 125051 DEE RAFT 7 (D,G) (D Pickering) B Hills 9-2 D Holland [illegible]
505 (10) 06 MISS COPYFORCE 25 (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 9-2 W Newnes 71
506 (2) 30-0204 REGALSETT 4 (F) (S Mizel) R Hannon 9-2 L Dettori 96
507 (9) 500-0 DELAY NO MORE 53 (Kebos, Wright & Jabert) P Mitchell 8-9 D Wright (7) 66
508 (8) 0 DOUBLE DEALING 12 (B) (G Piper) R Simpson 8-6 A Tucker –
509 (3) 06 SALLY OF THE ALLEY 12 (S Powell) J Sutcliffe 8-5 B Rouse 84
510 (4) 0000-10 FANFOLD 25 (F) (Miss J Smith) R Akehurst 8-4 D Harrison (3) 89

BETTING: 5-2 Dee Raft, 4-1 Regalsett, 9-2 Fanfold, 6-1 The Executor, Raging Thunder, 8-1 others.

1992: SYSTEMATIC 8-13 M Roberts (7-1) R Hannon 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CONSPICUOUS 5¼l 3rd of 15 to Bedsteila in a maiden at Thirsk (1m, soft). THE EXECUTOR 7¾l 4th of 8 to Brandonhurst in a handicap at Sandown (1m 1f, good). Previously, beat Pretty Baby 6l in a 10-runner maiden auction at Leicester (1m, good). RAGING THUNDER beat Bichette ¾l in a 9-runner conditions race at Lingfield on penultimate start (AW, 1m, standard). DEE RAFT beat Rose Glen 5l in a 7-runner claimer at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good). REGALSETT 3¾l 4th of 10 to King Paris in a claimer at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). FANFOLD beat Palong Beach 1l in a 12-runner claimer at Brighton on penultimate start (7f, firm).
Selection: CONSPICUOUS

9.10 EPSOM DOWNS HANDICAP (£3,427: 6f) (6 runners)

601 (6) 210663 SHIKARI'S SON 16 (D,F,G) (A Spargo) J White 6-10-0 P Robinson 99
602 (2) 063302 BALLASECRET 7 (D,F,G,S) (R Adams) R Dickin 5-9-13 D Meredith (5) [illegible]
603 (3) 06-0446 STAR GODDESS 7 (G) (K Higson) G Moore 4-9-8 B Rouse 90
604 (5) 2-02120 FACE NORTH 16 (D,BF,F,G) (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 5-9-2 T Quinn 92
605 (4) 452126 PERSIAN GUSHER 72 (G) (Gravy Boys Racing) S Dow 3-8-9 L Dettori 86
606 (1) 04-0042 MOGWAI 8 (V,D,G) (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 4-8-6 D Holland 92

BETTING: 7-4 Ballasecret, 3-1 Face North, 5-1 Shikari's Son, 7-1 Mogwai, 8-1 Star Goddess, 10-1 Persian Gusher.

1992: RUNNING GLIMPSE 4-8-6 M Roberts (4-1) Miss B Sanders 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHIKARI'S SON 4¼l 3rd of 8 to Set The Fashion in a handicap at Brighton (1m, good). BALLASECRET short-head 2nd of 10 to Baligay in a handicap at Salisbury (5f, good). STAR GODDESS 6l 6th of 13 to Ballerina Bay in a handicap at Kempton (7f, good). FACE NORTH 1l 2nd of 18 to Domicksky in a handicap at Newbury two weeks ago (6f, good to soft). PERSIAN GUSHER 7l 2nd of 5 to Keyway in a conditions race at Brighton on penultimate start (7f, good). MOGWAI 2l 2nd of 14 to Great Hall in a handicap at Windsor (6f, good).
Selection: MOGWAI

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TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Stoute	8	44	18.2	D Holland	4	26	15.4
D Elsworth	8	46	17.4	J Reid	11	77	14.3
R Akehurst	9	58	15.5	R Hills	4	28	14.3
P Cole	7	46	15.2	L Dettori	7	51	13.7
R Hannon	13	108	12.0	D Harrison	3	23	13.0
Only qualifiers				T Quinn	7	69	10.1

☐ The British Horseracing Board yesterday announced that all young stable and stud staff will be offered a comprehensive training programme to provide them with national vocational qualifications and a proper career structure. All staff, aged 16-18, will be required to attend an educational course at either the British Racing School, at Newmarket, or the Northern Racing School, at Doncaster.

Carnarvon launches Highclere exhibition

By Julian Muscat

THE seventh Earl of Carnarvon, one of Britain's leading owner-breeders, yesterday opened the Carnarvon Horse Racing Exhibition at his Highclere Castle in Berkshire.

The exhibition is based around a pictorial account of the family's involvement in racing, which spans more than a century. Carnarvon's grandfather, the fifth Earl, founded Highclere Stud at the end of the nineteenth century.

"Highclere is open to the public for three weeks every year and visitors have constantly asked us about the horses," Harry Herbert, Carnarvon's son, said. "We've had a lot of fun putting it together although no one is quite sure exactly when my great grandfather founded the stud."

Carnarvon, racing manager to the Queen, is also celebrating his fiftieth year as a racehorse owner.

The latest in a line of top-class horses to carry his



Carnarvon: celebrating

scarlet and white silks was Lyric Fantasy, whose brilliant juvenile career — she won five of her six races — has been captured on an eight-minute film that is one of the highlights of the exhibition.

Among Carnarvon's standard-bearers this year are Niche, second in the 1,000 Guineas, and Lemon Souffle, the top-rated two-year-old filly this season and a descendant of Malva, from whom the sixth Earl bred the Derby winner, Blenheim.

"There are pictures tracing Malva's family all the way down to the present generation," Herbert said. "My grandfather, who bred Blenheim, was a colourful character and there are shots of him being booed by the crowd when he rode an odds-on loser at Salisbury. He was advised to make his escape through a window at the back of the weighing room."

Also on display will be a selection of trophies won by the family, including the Ascot Gold Cup, annexed by the present Earl, with Little Wolf, in 1983.

THUNDERER

2.10 Me Neither. 2.40 Parish Walk. 3.10 Hasta La Vista. 3.40 Madam Gymcrak. 4.10 SHADOW JURY (nap). 4.40 Nichodoula.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Gingerbird.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 GRETA BRIDGE SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,448: 5f) (8 runners)

1 060 CHEEKY CHAPPY 55 D Chapman 8-11 Alex Greaves 1
2 530 NORBECK 11 (B) J Carr 8-11 S Morris 5
3 003 FADE AWAY 9 (B) T Barron 8-6 K Darley 3
4 5 LADY SHERIFF 12 M W Easterby 8-6 T Lucas 7
5 606 ME NEITHER 16 (B) J Berry 8-6 J Carroll 2
6 0044 MRS JOGGLEBURY 8 C Smith 8-6 J Tate (5) 8
7 4 RED QUEEN 21 J Berry 8-6 J Fortune 6
8 000 SPRING STAR 21 Mrs V Aconley 8-6 L Charnock 4

2-1 Lady Sheriff, 7-2 Me Neither, 9-2 Cheeky Chappy, 11-2 Mrs Joggiebury, 8-1 Fade Away, 12-1 Red Queen, 14-1 Norbeck, 20-1 Spring Star

2.40 STAINDROP MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,758: 7f) (13)

1 BEX BOY M W Easterby 9-0 T Lucas 12
2 BOLLIN NEIL M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 13
3 2 CAPTAIN STARLIGHT 6 M Bell 9-0 M Fenton (3) 4
4 0 CRACKLEY LANE 4 R Woodhouse 9-0 Alex Greaves 1
5 02 JACKSON HOUSE 36 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 K Fallon 6
6 0 KOHIMA BOY 14 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 7
7 LOCHON W Barker 9-0 S Webster 11
8 055 PARISH WALK 5 K Hogg 9-0 K Darley 9
9 000 STEANARD BOY 11 G Moore 9-0 J Fanning 8
10 6 GINGERBIRD 11 (BF) H Cecil 8-9 W Ryan 10
11 24 MOKAITE 39 M Hammond 8-9 J Marshall (7) 2
12 MUSICAL MARCH E Weymes 8-9 Dean McKeown 3
13 WAKE UP TO REALITY W Bentley 8-9 R Lappin 5

3-1 Captain Starlight, 7-2 Gingerbird, 11-2 Jackson House, 6-1 Bollin Neil, 7-1 Parish Walk, 10-1 Mokaite, 14-1 Bex Boy, 16-1 Kohima Boy, 20-1 others.

3.10 NORTHERN ECHO HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,950: 1m 4f 44yd) (10)

1 20-1 EFIZIA 78 (S) Mrs M Reveley 9-7 K Darley 10
2 5055 THE PREMIER EXPRES 16 (S) W Bentley 9-6 O Pears (5) 8
3 00-0 MONSIEUR DUPONT 63 B Hills 9-5 G Duffield 3
4 150 LOCK TIGHT 41 (S) R Whitaker 9-1 A Culhane 7
5 0-23 HO-JOE 23 J Carr 9-0 K Fallon 5
6 0032 TTYFRAN 8 F Lee 8-13 J Carroll 6
7 3483 SANTA STELLAR 12 M Johnston 8-12 Dean McKeown 4
8 2400 SPECIAL RISK 25 M Bell 8-11 M Fenton (3) 2
9 0-64 MONASTIC FLIGHT 11 B Rothwell 8-9 J Fortune 1
10 0060 HASTA LA VISTA 12 (B) M W Easterby 7-12 L Charnock 9

4-1 Ttyfran, 5-1 Monsieur Dupont, Ho-Joe, 6-1 Efizia, 7-1 Hasta La Vista, 8-1 Lock Tight, 10-1 The Premier Expres, Santa Stellar, 14-1 others.

3.40 AYSGARTH CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,660: 1m 4f 44yd) (4)

1 1 MADAM GYMCRAK 20 (S) M H Easterby 3-8-8 Julie Bowker 1
2 0-5 TRY N' FLY 11 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-8 K Darley 2
3 0 GOLDEN SAVANNAH 14 M W Easterby 3-8-5 T Lucas 4
4 2 CAROUSEL MAGIC 12 M Hammond 3-8-4 Dean McKeown 3

8-11 Madam Gymcrak, 6-4 Try N' Fly, 10-1 Carousel Magic, 16-1 Golden Savannah.

4.10 PHU THO HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,084: 5f) (6)

1 2112 SHADOW JURY 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) D Chapman 9-7 K Darley 4
2 2-63 BOLD COUNTY 5 (CD,F) M Johnston 9-1 R P Elliott 2
3 0-16 FIRST PLAY 13 (G) J Berry 8-13 J Carroll 1
4 1102 COVENT GARDEN GIRL 25 (B,D,G,S) M W Easterby 8-8 C Munday (7) 5
5 1244 COCONUT JOHNNY 6 (B,CD,F,S) G Moore 8-5 J Fanning 6
6 4030 THE FED 4 (V) R Whitaker 7-12 S Maloney (3) 3

5-2 Shadow Jury, 3-1 Covent Garden Girl, 4-1 Coconut Johnny, 5-1 Bold County, 6-1 The Fed, 8-1 First Play.

4.40 COTHERSTONE RATING RELATED MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,467: 7f) (6)

1 -453 FLASHELLA 9 J Hetherton 8-11 J Carroll 5
2 2404 LAMSONETTI 15 R Whitaker 8-11 Dean McKeown 3
3 0-43 NICHODOULA 11 M Prescott 8-11 G Duffield 2
4 3040 SUNRISE MORNING 20 P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 M Birch 6
5 0346 VIKING WATERS 11 (B) B Beasley 8-11 J Fortune 1
6 3324 VILAMAR 26 E Alston 8-11 K Fallon 4

6-4 Nichodoula, 7-2 Sunrise Morning, 4-1 Flashella, 7-1 Lamsonetti, 8-1 Vilamar, 16-1 Viking Waters.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 11 winners from 21 runners, 52.4%; P Chapple-Hyam, 3 from 8, 37.5%; B Hills, 13 from 40, 32.5%; M Bell, 5 from 20, 25%; M Prescott, 11 from 47, 23.4%; Mrs M Reveley, 10 from 46, 21.7%.

JOCKEYS: O Pears, 8 wins from 37 rides, 21.6%; J Carroll, 26 from 142, 18.3%; K Darley, 29 from 165, 17.6%; Alex Greaves, 10 from 61, 16.4%; G Duffield, 20 from 127, 15.7%; M Birch, 22 from 162, 13.6%.

Blinkered first time

EPSOM: 6.35 Lt Welsh, 8.10 Eurochem Lad, 8.40 Double Dealing. YARMOUTH: 4.30 Walk That Walk. WARWICK: 3.20 Radio Caroline, 4.20 Honeymoon Dawn. CATTERICK: 2.10 Me Neither, 4.10 Covent Garden Girl, The Fed, 4.40 Viking Waters.

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER

2.30 Ijlal. 3.00 Please Say Yes. 3.30 Bumaan. 4.00 Annabelle Royale. 4.30 Treasure Time. 5.00 Ela Billante.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 ALBEMINE (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 ANNABELLE ROYALE.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 JELLICOE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,464: 6f 3yd) (9 runners)

1 BRYAN ROBSON M Stoute 9-0 Pat Eddery 4
2 HOBART G Bravery 9-0 L Dettori 2
3 IJLAL H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills 1
4 JUBILEE ROYALE M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson 6
5 OCEAN PARK L Cumani 9-0 R Cochrane 9
6 PARROT CAGE M Jarvis 9-0 K Rutter (5) 7
7 06 SHINAK 18 W Haggas 9-0 M Hills 5
8 0 WIZARD KING 18 M Prescott 9-0 C Nutter 8
9 KUTBEYA D Morley 8-9 W Carson 3

2-1 Hobart, 7-2 Bryan Robson, 4-1 Ocean Park, 5-1 Ijlal, 10-1 Jubilee Royale, 12-1 Kutbeya, 16-1 Shinak, 25-1 Parrot Cage, Wizard King

3.00 FASTOLFF SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,364: 7f 3yd) (11)

1 4302 KINGSTON BROWN 11 (V,G) D Loder 9-5 L Dettori 10
2 0050 CASHABLE 32 (V) J Jenkins 9-0 Pat Eddery 7
3 060- DARING KING 271 G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 W Hood 3
4 -060 OUR SHADEE 12 (B) K Ivory 9-0 M Wigham 5
5 0-5 PLEASE SAY YES 4 P McBride 9-0 G Forster (7) 9
6 0000 ASCOM PAGER TOO 12 P Howling 8-9 Paul Eddery 8
7 5003 COVEN MOON 12 (V) H Collingridge 8-9 J Quinn 4
8 0405 EASTERN GLOW 12 S Woods 8-9 W Woods 11
9 450 MIDLIN 7 J Harris 8-9 R Cochrane 1
10 0-20 PATONG BEACH 41 J Hills 8-9 R Hills 2
11 0 TOCCO JEWEL 8 M Ryan 8-9 D Biggs 6

5-2 Kingston Brown, 4-1 Patong Beach, 11-2 Please Say Yes, 13-2 Coven Moon, 8-1 Cashable, 10-1 Our Shadee, Eastern Glow, 12-1 Midlin, 20-1 others

3.30 EBF MARITIME MUSEUM MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,113: 7f 3yd) (5)

1 BUMAAN H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills 3
2 READY MONEY RILEY N Callaghan 9-0 Pat Eddery 2
3 058 SON OF HADEER 43 P Howling 9-0 J Quinn 5
4 23 THE FLYING PHANTOM 7 M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson 4
5 56 BERNIE'S SISTER 9 C Allen 8-9 L Piggott 1

13-8 The Flying Phantom, 7-4 Bumaan, 3-1 Ready Money Riley, 10-1 Bernie's Sister, 16-1 Son Of Hadeer.

4.00 SOUTH WALSHAM HANDICAP
(£3,655: 1m 3yd) (9)

1 0416 WAVE HILL 8 (D,BF,F,G) P Hedger 4-10-0 J Reid 2
2 -500 AMADEUS AES 12 (C,F) D Morris 4-9-9 C Hodgson (5) 4
3 10-3 ALBEMINE 46 (D,BF,S) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-8 Paul Eddery 1
4 0821 AJDAYT 21 (D,G) A Stewart 3-9-7 S Whitworth 5
5 2044 SHINING JEWEL 8 (CD,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 6-9-6 L Piggott 6
6 0402 ANNABELLE ROYALE 8 (C,D,BF,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-0 L Dettori 3
7 -001 MISTY SILKS 30 (D,G) M Ryan 3-8-11 P Robinson 9
8 0103 THEMAAM 20 (D,G) T Thomson Jones 4-8-10 Pat Eddery 7
9 005- COUNTERCHECK 287 C Wall 4-8-5 W Woods 8

3-1 Albemine, 4-1 Ajdayt, 5-1 Annabelle Royale, 6-1 Misty Silks, 13-2 Themaam, 7-1 Wave Hill, 12-1 Shining Jewel, 14-1 Amadeus Aes, 33-1 Countercheck.

4.30 STURDEE APPRENTICE LIMITED STAKES
(£2,301: 5f 43yd) (10)

1 0640 JOE SUGDEN 9 (CD,F,G,S) P Howling 9-9-7 Debbie Biggs (5) 10
2 6000 LINCSTONE BOY 14 (B,D,F,G) K Burke 5-9-7 P McCabe (5) 2
3 5600 SIR TASKER 14 (V,D,F,G) J Harris 5-9-7 B Doyle 1
4 -000 SKI CAPTAIN 26 (CD,F,G,S) P Howling 9-9-7 L Carter (5) 5
5 6400 EVER SO LONELY 19 (B,D,F,S) A Bailey 4-9-2 W Hollick (7) 3
6 0004 MARTINA 4 (D,F,G,S) B Laws 5-9-2 B Russell (5) 8
7 0043 SPRING HIGH 21 (B,CD,F,G) K Ivory 6-9-2 C Scally (5) 9
8 -004 TREASURE TIME 16 (D,F) J White 4-9-2 K Rutter (3) 4
9 3820 WALK THAT WALK 8 (V,D,G) K Wingrove 4-9-2 K Pattinson (5) 6
10 560- CUDDLY DATE 258 (CD,G) D Thom 3-8-9 S Eiffert (5) 7

2-1 Martina, 7-2 Treasure Time, 5-1 Sir Tasker, 6-1 Walk That Walk, 7-1 Spring High, 12-1 Ever So Lonely, 14-1 Joe Sugden, 20-1 others

5.00 ORMESBY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,655: 1m 6f 17yd) (4)

1 1335 MARROS MILL 13 (V,G,S) M Bell 9-7 M Hills 3
2 4322 BOHEMIAN CROWN 33 M Stoute 9-6 Pat Eddery 4
3 0563 MY PATRIARCH 12 J Dunlop 9-4 W Carson 2
4 0561 ELA BILLANTE 8 (CD,F) J Fanshawe 9-1 (4ex) P Robinson 1

7-4 My Patriarch, 5-2 Ela Billante, 11-4 Bohemian Crown, 9-2 Marros Mill

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Stewart, 14 winners from 52 runners, 26.9%; N Callaghan, 8 from 35, 22.9%; M Stoute, 16 from 78, 20.5%; Mrs J Cecil, 5 from 25, 20.0%; S Woods, 3 from 16, 18.8%; H Thomson Jones, 9 from 51, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 13 wins from 36 rides, 36.1%; J Reid, 3 from 11, 27.3%; W Woods, 4 from 19, 21.1%; L Piggott, 9 from 49, 18.4%; L Dettori, 20 from 112, 17.9%; M Hills, 11 from 63, 17.5%.

THUNDERER

2.20 Coventry Kid. 2.50 Araadh. 3.20 Celia Brady. 3.50 Prosequendo. 4.20 Quinsigimond. 4.50 Quadrireme.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.20 Quinsigimond.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 EBF ROYAL MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,377: 5f) (6 runners)

1 05 ANOTHERONE TO NOTE 9 M Muggeridge 9-0 Mark Denaro (7) 4
2 COVENTRY KID J Berry 9-0 G Carter 3
3 00 SPORTING START 9 M Usher 9-0 N Adams 1
4 5 BANDITA 14 Miss A Whitfield 8-9 R Perham 6
5 BELLEMINETTE D Haydn Jones 8-9 J Williams 2
6 0 MIRIAM 7 M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 D Holland 5

5-4 Coventry Kid, 2-1 Bandita, 7-1 Belleminette, 8-1 Anotherone To Note, 14-1 Miriam, Sporting Start.

2.50 HAZY DAYS RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,950: 1m 4f 115yd) (5)

1 2-03 ARMENIAN COFFEE 19 J Dunlop 3-8-8 G Carter 5
2 6022 HATTA RIVER 12 (B) W Ham 3-8-8 W R Swinburn 3
3 0-50 PERO 13 B Hills 3-8-8 D Holland 1
4 -020 ARAADH 20 H Thomson Jones 3-8-3 N Carlisle 4
5 000 HOPEFUL PROSPECT 12 A Hide 3-8-3 A Clark 2

15-8 Armenian Coffee, 5-2 Araadh, Hatta River, 5-1 Pero, 20-1 Hopeful Prospect.

3.20 NATTRASS GILES HANDICAP
(£3,002: 1m 2f 169yd) (12)

1 2052 EDGE OF DARKNESS 12 (D,BF,G,S) J Hills 4-9-11 D Harrison (3) 4
2 -100 SEEK THE PEARL 12 (F) J Fanshawe 3-8-11 W R Swinburn 8
3 0503 KILLICK 7 (F,G) A Bailey 5-9-8 A Mackay 12
4 5-05 CELIA BRADY 20 (C,F) H Candy 5-9-6 C Rutter 11
5 4000 RED KITE 28 (S) M Bell 4-9-6 G Carter 10
6 440/ MELANCOLIA 885 (B) J Glover 7-9-0 S D Williams (3) 2
7 0006 LONG FURLONG 9 (BF,F,G) T Hallett 5-8-11 N Adams 7
8 0041 WAR REQUIEM 7 (G) G Balding 3-8-9 (5ex) J Williams 3
9 0-05 JUNCTION TWENTYTWO 20 C Broad 3-8-7 T Quinn 1
10 0001 PRECIOUS CAROLINE 5 (F) P Cundell 5-8-7 J Lowe 5
11 0360 WINGED WHISPER 11 (F) J Pickering 4-8-6 D McCabe (7) 9
12 0-00 RADIO CAROLINE 11 (B,D,G) M Tate 5-7-13 A Tucker 6

5-1 Edge Of Darkness, 11-2 Seek The Pearl, 13-2 Celia Brady, Killick, 7-1 Precious Caroline, 8-1 War Requiem, 12-1 others.

3.50 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES HANDICAP
(Qualifier: £2,898: 2m 20yd) (6)

1 0430 PROSEQUENDO 11 (G) M Dixon 6-9-10 A Clark 5
2 4554 BRIGGSMAID 6 (F,G) J Eustace 5-8-13 M Tebbutt 2
3 0-25 SINGING REPLY 21 R Price 5-7-10 T Williams 3
4 8000 GAY MING 9 (F) R Hollinshead 4-7-10 A Garth (5) 6
5 3356 COST EFFECTIVE 19 (D,F) M Brittain 6-7-7 G Bardwell 4
6 5310 PAPER DAYS 26 (F) P Murphy 3-7-7 N Adams 1

5-2 Prosequendo, 7-2 Cost Effective, 4-1 Briggsmaid, Singing Reply, 9-2 Gay Ming, 12-1 Paper Days.

4.20 WARWICK FESTIVAL CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,243: 7f) (11)

1 2604 UMBUBUZI 14 (D,G) F Lee 9-3 S Parks 11
2 1221 QUINSIGIMOND 6 (F,G) M Prescott 8-12 T Quinn 6
3 1310 ANUSHA 29 (D,BF,G,S) J Berry 8-10 G Carter 9
4 0 BLAKENEY'S DOUBLE 18 A Forbes 8-9 S D Williams (3) 8
5 0400 CUBIST 8 (D,S) D Morley 8-8 D Holland 4
6 00-0 TODDEN 30 C Wall 8-7 S Mulvey (7) 3
7 0 RISKY TUESDAY 20 G Yardley 8-4 R Price 1
8 6030 MISS OFFIE 4 R Hollinshead 8-2 A Garth (5) 2
9 0-00 KENNINGTON PROTON 18 R Juckes 8-0 N Adams 10
10 00 NANQUIDNO 20 J Bennett 7-13 G Bardwell 7
11 00-0 HONEYMOON DAWN 18 (V) W Clay 7-12 A Mackay 5

9-4 Quinsigimond, 3-1 Umbubuzi, 100-30 Anusha, 4-1 Cubist, 20-1 others.

4.50 SYD MERCER HANDICAP
(£3,201: 1m 4f 115yd) (6)

1 3091 PRINCE HANNIBAL 15 (D,F,G) J Dunlop 6-10-0 G Carter 6
2 50-4 QUADRIREME 8 (G) J Old 4-9-8 J Tate (5) 5
3 3241 LAKE POOPO 12 (S) B Hills 3-8-4 D Holland 3
4 2140 MR POPPLETON 8 (G) R Brotherton 4-8-3 A Mackay 1
5 0-00 BEAU QUEST 33 (B,CD,F,G) B Cambidge 6-8-3 J Lowe 2
6 0-04 INCOLA 21 (D,F,G,S) H Candy 7-8-3 Antoinette Armes (7) 4

5-2 Prince Hannibal, 3-1 Quadrireme, 100-30 Lake Poopo, 6-1 Incola, Mr Poppleton, 20-1 Beau Quest

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Ham, 5 winners from 14 runners, 35.7%; F Lee, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Hills, 7 from 36, 19.4%; J Berry, 20 from 107, 18.7%; J Dunlop, 8 from 43, 18.6%, B Hills, 8 from 45, 17.8%.

JOCKEYS: W R Swinburn, 10 winners from 58 rides, 17.2%; T Quinn, 11 from 94, 11.7%; G Carter, 8 from 73, 11.0% (Only qualifiers).

☐ Jockey Michael Tebbutt was taken to hospital with a suspected broken ankle after a fall at Folkestone yesterday. Tebbutt was riding Galatic Fury in the Coomes Maiden Handicap, when his mount clipped the heels of the horse in front giving him a crashing fall.

Chepstow

Going: firm (good to firm in places)

2.00 (2m 2f 33yd) 1, Mardood (J Williams, 7-4 fav); 2, Chucklestone (5-2); 3, Chambros (5-2). 8 ran. Nk, 3l. P Leach. Tote: £2.80; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £2.50. CSF: £6.41.

2.30 (1m 2f 36yd) 1, Aljazzaf (W R Swinburn, 11-4); 2, Double Bass (5-2 fav); 3, Lille Hammer (11-2). 5 ran. 4l, 4l. C Brittain. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.60. DF: £4.10. CSF: £9.32.

3.00 (1m 2f 36yd) 1, El Jabell (W Ryan, 13-2); 2, Kithanga (4-6 fav); 3, Pish Kosh (10-1). 11 ran. NR: Upper Mount Clair. ¾l, 4l. H Cecil. Tote: £5.80; £1.60, £1.40, £3.50. DF: £4.00. CSF: £11.66.

3.30 (1m 2f 36yd) 1, Indian Flash (W Carson, 5-4 fav); 2, Quick Silver Boy (5-2); 3, Sharsar (2-1). 3 ran. ½l, 2l. R Guest. Tote: £2.00. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.91. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.00 (6f 16yd) 1, Brookhead Lady (S Maloney, 5-4 fav); 2, My Lifetime Lady (13-8); 3, Little Emmeline (11-2). 6 ran. 6l, 2l. P Evans. Tote: £2.60; £1.20, £1.70. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.64.

4.30 (1m 14yd) 1, Maastricht (M Hills, 7-1); 2, Rachelly (3-1); 3, Lady Broker (9-4 fav). 11 ran. Nk, hd. W Haggas. Tote: £5.90; £2.00, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £9.80. CSF: £26.68. Winner sold to D J Burchell for 5,600gns.

5.00 (7f 16yd) 1, Lord Alfie (S Whitworth, 14-1); 2, Good Image (15-2); 3, Zinbaq (5-1 fav); 4, Charmed Knave (6-1). 17 ran. Nk, ½l. B Meehan. Tote: £19.70; £2.50, £1.90, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £96.00. Trio: £322.10. CSF: £107.20. Tricast: £548.75.

Placepot: £10.60

Folkestone

Going: good to firm

1.45 (6f 189yd) 1, Jaifib (R Hills, 13-8 fav); 2, Newington Butts (5-2); 3, Dancing Diamond (11-4). 4 ran. Hd, 1l. C Benstead. Tote: £2.40. DF: £2.50. CSF: £5.45.

2.15 (6f) 1, Admiralella (J Reid, 11-8 fav); 2, Queen's Trust (9-2); 3, Candi Das (7-1). 10 ran. Nk, 2½l. J Akehurst. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.70, £2.70. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.75.

2.45 (1m 7f 92yd) 1, Bransby Road (J Reid, 3-1); 2, Yimkin Bookra (6-1); 3, Post Impressionist (15-8 fav). 5 ran. 5l, 5l. R Akehurst. Tote: £4.60; £1.90, £2.20. DF: £9.10. CSF: £17.04.

3.15 (6f) 1, Old Hook (B Doyle, 20-1); 2, Window Display (5-6 fav); 3, Ready-Freddie (10-1). 9 ran. 1½l, 2½l. Allan Smith. Tote: £17.70; £2.30, £1.20, £1.60. DF: £9.10. CSF: £36.32. Winner bought in for 3,800gns.

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, Moonlight Quest (L Dettori, 9-2 2-fav); 2, Snow Blizzard (9-2 jt-fav); 3, Rocquaine Bay (10-1). 10 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. B Hanbury. Tote: £7.30; £2.40, £1.70, £3.10. DF: £7.80. CSF: £23.65. Tricast: £175.25.

4.15 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Kalimutu (Mrs L Pearce, 6-1); 2, Don't Drop Bombs (7-1); 3, Barchem (12-1). Albert 7-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Romoosh. 6l, ½l. J Pearce. Tote: £7.30; £2.10, £3.60, £4.00. DF: £35.80. Trio: £70.90. CSF: £48.79. Tricast: £463.09.

Placepot: £304.70.

Monday's late results

Windsor

Going: firm (good to firm in straight)

6.40 (1m 67yd) 1, Barahin (L Piggott, 7-2); 2, Shalou (14-1); 3, Queens Contractor (14-1). Waki Gold 2-1 fav. 18 ran. ¾l, hd. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £5.70, £3.40. DF: £64.80. CSF: £51.00.

7.10 (5f 217yd) 1, Harry's Coming (M Hills, 6-1); 2, Bright Paragon (8-1); 3, Spectacle Jim (33-1). Great Hall 100-30 fav. 15 ran. NR: Quick Steel. 1l, sh. R Hodges. Tote: £6.60; £1.80, £2.10, £19.10. DF: £28.70. Trio: £668.40. CSF: £50.22. Tricast: £1,313.71.

7.40 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, Mahrajan (T Quinn, 5-6 fav); 2, Inchcailloch (7-2); 3, Thameda (12-1). 5 ran. 3l, hd. C Benstead. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.40. DF: £2.70. CSF: £3.99.

8.10 (5f 217yd) 1, Palana (L Dettori, 11-10 fav); 2, Mazeeka (15-8); 3, Bearall (11-2). 5 ran. Sh hd, sh hd. I Balding. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.60. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.49.

8.40 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Wesel This Then (T Quinn, 10-1); 2, Waldi (11-2); 3, Ma Bella Luna (9-2 fav). 14 ran. ½l, 2½l. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £15.60; £3.60, £2.20, £3.10. DF: £14.10. Trio: £211.70. CSF: £66.78.

9.10 (5f 10yd) 1, Welsh Mist (W Woods, 5-1); 2, Mazentre Forward (5-2); 3, Lovescape (20-1). Lightning Belle 9-4 fav. 8 ran. Sh hd, 3l. R Boss. Tote: £7.70; £1.90, £1.60, £2.30. DF: £6.70. CSF: £17.49. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £147.00.

Hamilton Park

Going: good (good to firm in places)

7.00 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, Imperial Bid (Dean Mckeown, 9-2); 2, Barley Cake (8-1); 3, Gweek (5-2 fav). 9 ran. ½l, 1½l. Denys Smith. Tote: £5.10; £1.10, £2.90, £1.40. DF: £14.70. CSF: £27.98.

7.30 (1m 65yd) 1, Princess Tateum (P Robinson, 7-2); 2, Diplomatist (7-1); 3, Mind The Roof (4-1). Lendrall 6-5 fav. 6 ran. ¾l, 1l. M Channon. Tote: £4.70; £1.30, £3.10. DF: £7.80. CSF: £22.58.

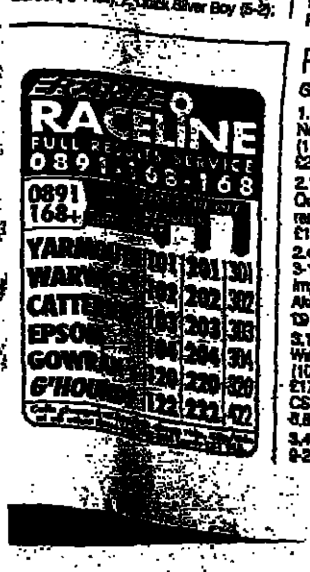
8.00 (1m 65yd) 1, Mentalasanythin (A Mackay, 5-1); 2, No Comebacks (4-1 fav); 3, Cressly (9-2). 8 ran. 1l, 2½l. A Bailey. Tote: £7.10; £1.60, £2.10, £2.30. DF: £21.30. CSF: £24.09. Tricast: £87.63.

8.30 (6f 4yd) 1, Cracker Jack (J Fanning, 9-2); 2, Colmar (3-1); 3, Convenient Moment (4-6 fav). 4 ran. 3½l, nk. T Fairhurst. Tote: £6.50. DF: £9.20. CSF: £15.39.

9.00 (5f 4yd) 1, Caspian Gold (Dean McKeown, 15-2); 2, The Multiyorker (8-4); 3, Teetotaller (7-4 fav). 7 ran. Sh hd, 2l. M Johnston. Tote: £7.80; £3.00, £1.80. DF: £12.80. CSF: £24.97.

9.30 (1m 4f 17yd) 1, Bayrak (R Hills, 11-4); 2, Bay Tern (12-1); 3, Diamond Wedding (9-2). Wilsonic 2-1 fav. 7 ran. ½l, hd. A Stewart. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £3.20. DF: £28.40. CSF: £29.91. Placepot: £2,054.60.

☐ The Times Private Handicapper (Gerald Hubbard) gave five top-rated winners at Chepstow yesterday, including Maastricht (7-1) and Aljazzaf (11-4).



Rome winners take on United States

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ONLY five days after finishing their most important team assignment of the season, the Great Britain men's and women's squads will be asked to rise to another challenge at Meadowbank stadium, Edinburgh, on Friday. All six British individual event winners from the European Cup in Rome were selected yesterday to face the United States in the TSB Challenge.

At full strength, the United States men would be a match for a rest of the world team but the squad being sent is devoid of all big names, giving Britain a chance. There is no Carl Lewis, Michael Johnson, Butch Reynolds, Kevin Young or Mike Powell but enough talent to make it questionable whether Britain will win, even with Linford Christie, John Regis, David Grindley, Colin Jackson and Rob Denmark confident after victorie. in Rome.

It will be a test of strength in depth, with three athletes per event, rather than the one in the European Cup.

The absence of American luminaries is disappointing from the viewpoint of attracting spectators but, as the United States federation is paying nothing for their appearance, hardly surprising in this day and age. As Mel Lattany, the American who set a world 100 metres low-altitude best of 9.96sec in 1984, said yesterday: "Athletes such as Carl Lewis are gearing their season towards the bigger events which will promote their own season."

Events for which they are paid, as the British athletes are for this. "I used to run these competitions to promote the sport," Lattany said.

Britain trail 7-0 in dual matches against the United States. To end the losing sequence, which started in 1961, Britain will need to score heavily on the track to counter their losses in the field.

Of the European Cup champions, Regis and Grindley have the hardest task, both facing three American world championships trials finalists. One of Regis's opponents in the 200 metres is Jason Hendrix, who qualified for the third place in the team for Stuttgart behind Mike Marsh and Lewis.

So raw is Hendrix's talent that Lewis turned to the media after the final and asked: "Who's he?" He should have asked Bill Collins, Hendrix's coach. Collins used to help Tom Tellez with Lewis's programme when the 100 metres world champion was a young athlete at the University of Houston. "He doesn't know how to run yet," Collins said of Hendrix, predicting he would break 20 seconds soon.

The United States women's team also lacks a big name but, with five national champions backed by 14 more who are Stuttgart bound, it should win. The high jump looks the most competitive event, containing the top three in the United States and two British women in form, Debbie Marti and Jo Jennings.

Sally Gunnell, the only European Cup winner from the British women's team, runs 400 metres in preparation for her next hurdles race, in Lausanne next Wednesday.

Suzanne Rigg has withdrawn from the 3,000 metres after three races in a week, culminating in her emergency European Cup appearance as 10,000 metres replacement for Liz McColgan. Her willingness to help out at short notice has been rewarded with a promise from Frank Dick, the Great Britain director of coaching, that she will receive funding for her attempt to achieve a world championship qualifying time.

MEN: 100m: L Christie, T Box, J John. 200m: J Regis, D Campbell, M Adam. 400m: D Grindley, D Ladejo, M Richardson. 800m: D Sharpe, T McKean, M Steele. 1,500m: S Cram, D Strang, S Fairbrother. 3,000m: R Denmark, A Pearson, tba. 3,000m steeplechase: T Buckner, T Hanlon, tba. 110m hurdles: C Jackson, H Teape, A Jarrett. 400m hurdles: K Akabusi, G Cadogan, P Crampton. 4 x 100m relay (from): Campbell, Christie, Regis, Jarrett, Adam, John. 4 x 400m relay (from): Grindley, Richardson, Ladejo, Regis, A Male. High jump: S Smith, D Grant, B Reilly.
Pole vault: M Edwards, N Winter, M Belsham. Long jump: F Salle, I Simpson, B Williams. Triple jump: J Edwards, T Fasinro, J Golley. Shot: P Edwards, M Simson, D Callaway. Discus: R Weir, D Morris, N Thompson. Hammer: P Head, P Vivian, J Byrne. Javelin: M Roberson, C MacKenzie, M Hill.

WOMEN: 100m: G McLeod, M Richardson, P Thomas. 200m: J Stoute, P Smith, S Jacobs. 400m: T Goddard, S Gunnell, S Leigh. 800m: J Latimer, K Holmes, L Keough. 1,500m: Y Murray, A Wyeth, P Radcliffe. 3,000m: S Rigg, S McGeorge, J Spark.
100m hurdles: J Agyepong, K Maddox, C Court. 400m hurdles: V Rhodes, J Parker, L Fraser. 4 x 100m relay (from): B Kinch, Jacobs, Richardson, Thomas, McLeod. 4 x 400m relay (from): Gunnell, Smith, Stoute, Keough, Leigh, Holmes.
High jump: D Mark, J Jennings, J Bennett. Long jump: F May, Y Idowu, J Wise. Triple jump: M Griffith, R Kirby, A Hansen. Shot: M Augee, M Lynas, A Grey. Discus: S Andrews, J McKernan, D Callaway. Javelin: S Gibson, A Liverton, S Holroyd.

Lord's school fixture still has attraction for patrons

BY IVO TENNANT

LORD'S (Harrow won toss): Eton drew with Harrow

BEFORE the war, and even for a while afterwards, *the* sporting event of the summer was not Wimbledon, nor Ascot or Henley, nor even England playing Australia. The oldest fixture at Lord's would attract crowds as decorous as they were of the first magnitude, as intent on seeing who was in the carriages encircling the ground as who was at the wicket.

Should Mr Major's perceived classless society ever come to fruition, the event in question could be included in sporting trivia quizzes. For the time being, though the carriages have long gone and the match always seems to end in a draw, MCC continues to allow Eton to play Harrow at Lord's.

It does so for reasons other than sentiment. The crowd remains as sizable as you will find on, say, the last day of a contest between Middlesex and Derbyshire. The boxes in the Tavern and Mound stands are full, and with influential names.

So it is for reasons other than protection of a well-worn square that the pitch is so close to the Tavern that one boundary is shorter than it would be at a prep school.

For the boys, this must be akin to playing at Cold Blow Lane, where the spectators are also too close for comfort. But no taunt at Millwall can ever have been as cruel as a posse of Harrovians declaring that Graham Taylor went to Eton.

As for the cricket, it was as competitive as Lord Byron would have known it when Harrow were "most confoundedly beat" by Eton when the schools met for the first time, in 1805.

Eton deserved to win again, not least because they made a challenging declaration after being put in for negative reasons.

Man-of-the-match awards have not yet filtered down to the one remaining schools match played here, even if helmets and Pakistani-style appealing has. If they had, there was no doubting who would have been honoured yesterday. When the declaration came, Hugo Machin was unbeaten with 150 off 193 balls, the highest score by an Etonian in this fixture since 1931.

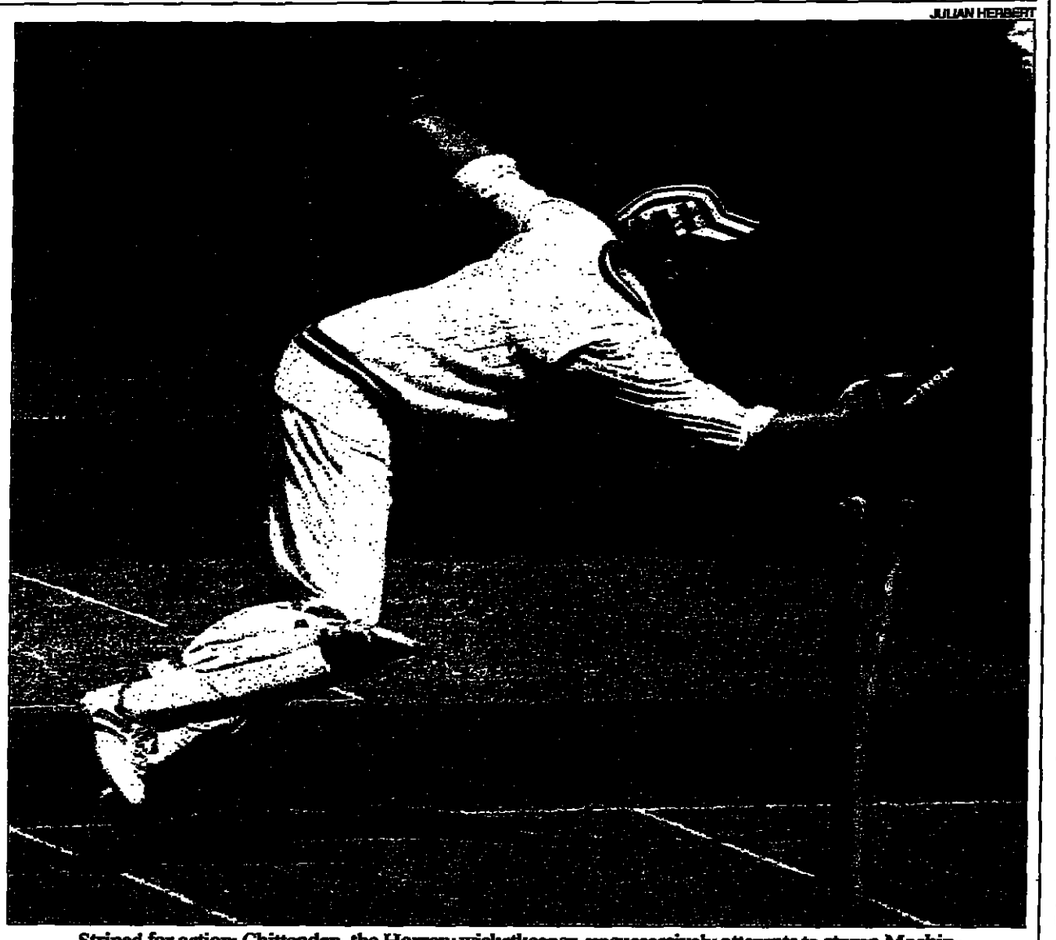
Machin, aged 17, put on 149 for the first wicket with his captain, Tom Simpson. He was as strong off his legs as he was adept at making the most of such a short boundary.

The problem with reducing this fixture to a one-day match is the pitch. Even on the very edge of the square, it is simply too good. Eton reduced Harrow to 67 for four — effectively for five since Angus McIntosh had to retire hurt — but Renshaw remained steadfast and they ran out of time.

ETON
*T A Simpson c Chittenden b Barker ... 52
H V Machin not out ... 150
C E Steel c Henson b Holloway ... 19
†O W R Clayton not out ... 10
Extras (b 7, lb 5, w 5, nb 6) ... 23
Total (2 wkts) ... 254
C G R Lightfoot, H G Duberly, J N P Moffatt, T M A Wemyss, N S Burgess, B J Cowen, A F Douglas did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-149, 2-239.
BOWLING: Holloway 19-1-64-1; Barker 18.1-2-84-1; Tregoning 16-5-51-0; Blake 6-0-24-0; Roundell 5-0-19-0.

HARROW
A I H McIntosh ret hurt ... 7
N G Harrap run out ... 3
†O H Chittenden c Clayton b Lightfoot ... 1
H St J R Foster c Clayton b Douglas ... 8
*J A J Renshaw not out ... 57
M P Barker b Duberly ... 25
S D Henson not out ... 3
Extras (b 7, w 3, nb 2) ... 12
Total (4wkts) ... 114
N W Blake, S F Rountell, B A Holloway, G R Tregoning did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-14, 3-21, 4-67.
BOWLING: Douglas 16-6-24-1; Burgess 8-2-14-0, Lightfoot 15-9-16-1; Cowen 3-1-8-0; Duberly 6-3-11-1; Steel 4-0-26-0; Wemyss 2-1-3-0; Simpson 1-0-7-0
Umpires: D J Dennis, R Wood.

JULIAN HERBERT



Striped for action: Chittenden, the Harrow wicketkeeper, unsuccessively attempts to stump Machin

Oxford start uneasy favourites

BY JACK BAILEY

TODAY, the oldest first-class fixture, played first in 1827 and then in unbroken sequence — Kaiser Bill and Adolf Hitler interrupting — since 1838, will again take place at Lord's. Despite the sustained attack in recent years on the first-class status accorded to matches played by Oxford and Cambridge universities, the headquarters of cricket is the only appropriate venue.

There will be few people there to watch it but, for those taking part, it will be a nerve-racking occasion. Even those who played in the Combined Universities v Australians match a few days ago will have experienced nothing like it, and that includes the refreshingly unaffected Russell Quentin Cake, who became the first freshman to take a hundred off the Australians since R.M. James, also of Cambridge, did so, against the formidable Lindwall, among others, in 1956.

Last year Oxford made all the running in a rain-affected match, but lost. Their declaration found John Crawley in rare form and his undefeated century gave Cambridge victory in the first University match for six years to produce a positive result. Surprisingly, but ominously enough for the dark blues, Crawley's only other century for Cambridge, an undefeated 187, came in the last match before today. Crawley's team will rely heavily on the off spin of Pearson, of Northamptonshire, and Whittall.

Once again, most of the big guns are held by Oxford. Unlike their opponents, they have beaten a county — Nottinghamshire — and they came within ten runs of beating Hampshire. The Parks has been alive with the sound of applause for such as Gallian, their captain (141 against Nottinghamshire), Montgomerie and Keey, other century-makers this season. The wicketkeeping of Lyons has been impressive. They have a good all-round attack, with a seasoned seam department, led by Macdonald and Jeh.

OXFORD (from): *J E R Gallian (Pittwater House, Sydney and Keble, captain), *R R Montgomerie (Rugby and Worcester), *G B T Lovell (Sydney C of E, Sydney University and Exeter), *C L Keey (Harrow, Durham University and Keble), *C M Gupte (John Lyon and Pembroke), H S Malik (KCS Wimbledon and Keble), R S Yeabsley (Haberdashers' Aske's and Keble), *M P W Jeh (Brisbane High, Griffith University and Keble), C W Lyons (King Edward VII, Johannesburg, Witwatersrand and Keble, wicketkeeper), *R H Macdonald (Rondebosch HS, Cape Town University and Keble), T W Trimby (Shrewsbury and Worcester), G I Macmillan (Guildford CS, Southampton University and Keble).
CAMBRIDGE (from): *J P Crawley (Manchester GS and Trinity, captain), *G W Jones (King's, Chester and Caius), *M E D Jarrett (Harrow and Girton), R Q Cake (KCS Wimbledon and St John's), G M Charlesworth (Bablake and Hughes Hall), *J P Carroll (Randcomb and Homerton), *J P Arscott (Tonbridge and Magdalene, wicketkeeper), N J Hastie (Wellingborough and Pembroke), *C M Pitcher (St Edward's, Oxford and Selwyn), *R M Pearson (Batley GS and St John's), A R Whittall (Falcon, Zimbabwe and Trinity), *R H J Jenkins (Oundle and Downing).
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When the Australians scored 721 runs in a day

BY JOHN PARKER

Graham Gooch and his unfortunate England team, wilting under the welter of runs streaming from Australian bats, can reflect, with the third Test at Trent Bridge starting tomorrow, that it *might* have been worse.

The 1993 Australians took almost 13 hours to compile 632 for four in the second Test at Lord's. On May 15, 1948, I watched enthralled as Don Bradman's Australians smote Essex for 721 in the day, the highest number of runs scored in a single day in first-class cricket.

These days, the Southchurch Park pitch in Southend is suspect and reported too often for its misbehaviour. That May Saturday was a scorcher, with the temperature in the high eighties and the iron-hard pitch reflected a brazen sheen. It was in the middle of a heatwave and the cropped grass of the outfield was already baked hard and brown. Once the ball was past the fielder, it was four.

Sydney Barnes and Bill Brown showed the way, putting on 145 for the first wicket in 95 minutes, and when Barnes, on 79, tried to cut at Ray Smith and hit his own wicket, it made things worse for the Essex bowlers; next in was Bradman.

The Don, 39, and nut-brown and lined of face even then, turned on a batting exhibition that stunned the 16,000 crowd to silence. Despite his formidable reputation, his style did not please the purists. His backlift, instead of classically straight towards the wicketkeeper, sent the bat aloft in the direction of gully but it came down as straight as a die. His footwork was so deft that he seemed to be in the correct position for every stroke and his eye was so quick that he had time both to choose and place his shots. He rarely lifted the ball. I do not remember a chance.

He made 187 in just over two hours, including 32 fours and a five, cracking the ball to every corner of the ground. Twice he scored 20 runs in an over.

The dismissal of Brown made it 364 for two. Enter Keith Miller, the great all-rounder, who strode to the wicket with his bat over his shoulder. He refused to take guard and stood, bat still over shoulder, and watched Bailey's first ball bowl him. Exit Miller, shouldering arms all the way back to the pavilion.

What happened next is the stuff of rumour. The version I prefer is that Miller threw down his bat, saying: "I don't take candy from kids!" and went to the races. I do know that Bradman, a disciplinarian, was not amused, but Miller survived his strictures.

The fall of Miller and then, a few minutes later, of Bradman, offered little respite to Essex, though they did become the only county side that season to take all ten Australian wickets in an innings.

At the Australians' hotel, I found myself chatting to a small, slight, quiet man holding a glass of mineral water; it was Bradman. I asked him how he began his career.

He told me how he had started as a kid in ragged shorts hitting a golf ball with a cricket stump against a wall in Cootamundra, New South Wales. He was first chosen for the state side in 1927, when he was only 19, and the next year played for Australia.

What had made him so successful? "In Australia, we play to win," he said. "Right from the start, we learn to play it hard."

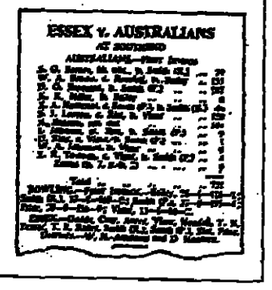
The following Monday, I was regaling my colleagues on the *Essex Chronicle* of my amazing day out when there was a tap on my shoulder. It was my editor. "Sit down at that typewriter and put down everything you've just been saying," he said.

That week's paper carried the banner headlines: WHY THE AUSTRALIANS WIN: First exclusive interview with Don Bradman by John Parker.

My first scoop and I never knew I had got it.



Pulling power: Bradman plays to leg during his two-hour innings of 187 against Essex in 1948


ESSEX v. AUSTRALIANS

Border critical of McCague selection

ALLAN Border, the Australia cricket captain, yesterday criticised Martin McCague's inclusion in the England squad for the third Cornhill Test match, which begins at Trent Bridge tomorrow. "To me, he's an Australian," he said. "England could now have a New Zealander in Andy Caddick opening the bowling from one end and an Aussie at the other. It takes the gloss off an Ashes Test for me."

McCague, 24, who plays for Kent, was born in Northern Ireland and raised in Australia, and was selected to put some aggression into the England bowling attack. He said: "I don't think I owe Australian cricket anything. I feel English. This is my decision and I'm quite entitled to make my career where I choose.

"I expected some opposition and I know some people in England are unhappy. The only way of to win them over is to grab wickets against Australia and show that I am giving 100 per cent for England."

Uefa asks for report

FOOTBALL: Uefa, the European governing body, has asked the French football association for a detailed report on allegations that Marseilles offered bribes to rig the result of a European Cup match against CSKA Moscow and a French League match against Valenciennes. Rudi Rothenbuehler, a Uefa spokesman, said: "We are waiting for documents from the French football association. It is an internal matter right now."

Gennady Kostylev, the CSKA Moscow coach, has alleged that Marseilles offered his players money before their European Cup ties. Christophe Robert, the Valenciennes striker, and Jean-Jacques Eydelie, the Marseilles midfield player, are under investigation. Robert claims he received £34,000 to give a poor performance in the match and has named Eydelie as the man who offered the bribe.

Williams clinch deal

MOTOR RACING: Williams, the leaders of the Formula One constructors' championship, are to link with Rothmans Racing for the next two grand prix seasons, it was announced yesterday. Two cars will be entered in the world championships of 1994 and 1995 under the name of Rothmans Williams Renault. Frank Williams, the team owner, said: "We've always maintained a portfolio of innovative international companies and I'm delighted with this agreement." Rothmans Racing has been successfully involved in international motor sport for over a decade.

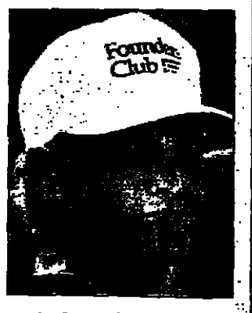
Bett joins contenders

BASKETBALL: Mick Bett, the caretaker coach who took England close to the semi-final round of the 1995 European championship in Hungary last week, is applying for the full-time post. Mark Dunning, the coach of London Towers, has also indicated he wants to be considered. England needed to beat Finland to finish among the two qualifiers but lost 69-67. If Bett, the coach of Bracknell-based Thames Valley Tigers, gets the job, he will put the emphasis on youth. "The only trouble is that a lot of our young players are at colleges in the States," he said.

Britain ring changes

HOCKEY: Great Britain have called up six newcomers for the women's Champions Trophy in Amsterdam from August 22 to 29. Chris Cook, Jane Smith, Sally Gibson, Sue MacDonald, Hilary Rose and Tracy Robb are included in the squad to play Spain, Germany, Holland, Australia and South Korea.
BRITAIN SQUAD: J Atkins (Bradford, captain), L Bayliss (Sutton Coldfield), M Davies (Sutton Coldfield), L Wallin (Sutton Coldfield), C Cook (Highlown), S Fraser (Glasgow Western), S MacDonald (Glasgow Western), T Robb (Glasgow Western), S Gibson (Trojans), K Johnson (Leicester), G Messenger (Edinburgh Ladies), P Robinson (Edinburgh Ladies), M Nicholls (Ealing), H Rose (Ipswich), J Smith (Chelmsford), A Swindlehurst (Clifton).

Janzen enters Open



LEE Janzen, right, the United States Open golf champion, has entered the Open Championship at Royal St George's, Sandwich, which starts on July 15, aiming to become the first player since Tom Watson 11 years ago to win both majors in the same year. Nick Faldo, the champion, heads the 99 exempt players while the ten other former winners include Sandy Lyle, who won at Sandwich in 1985.

Double for Whitaker

EQUESTRIANISM: Michael Whitaker won the two opening classes at the Aachen show yesterday; the first time, as far as anybody could remember, that it had happened. Against quality international opposition, he took the first speed competition with Everest My Mesieur and a qualifier for the grand prix on Sunday with Everest Midnight Madness. With the European championships only a month away, there was a strong German presence. In the qualifier, Whitaker's main opposition came from the Brazilian, Rodrigo Pessoa, on Loro Piana Special Envoy.

Dadswell powers on

CYCLING: Ralph Dadswell, of High Wycombe, broke the Scottish record for the 360-mile trip from Gretna to John O'Groats yesterday, covering the distance in 18hr 16min 17sec to improve George Berwick's mark, set in 1984, by 61 minutes. He reached 257 miles after 12 hours to set another Scottish record. Dadswell, who holds the Land's End to John O'Groats tricycle record, made only two five-minute stops during his ride, which was part of his preparation for the national 24-hour time-trial championship at the end of July, when he will represent his club, Antelope RT.

Benfica calls for help

FOOTBALL: After an all-night meeting of directors, Benfica yesterday opened a special bank account and asked supporters for donations. The Lisbon club, which won the Portuguese Cup and finished second in the league behind FC Porto, needs more than £4 million to balance its books, Portuguese press reports said. The players, Paulo Sousa, João Pinto and Antonio Pacheco, have resigned because their May pay cheques were not received on time. The club paid a reported £4 million for Paulo Futre, the Atlético Madrid forward, in January.

Lucas forced to retire

RUGBY LEAGUE: Ian Lucas, the Wigan and Great Britain international prop forward, has been forced to retire from the game because of a neck injury. Lucas, 25, who made only ten appearances for his club last season, never fully recovered from an injury sustained in a tackle by the Australian forward, Paul Harragon, on the Great Britain tour of Australia last year. The tackle left him concussed and recently prompted the international board to introduce video evidence in reported cases of indiscipline in international games.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast with Paul Burden, Sara Coburn and Heather Payton (51059)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News. Extended bulletins on the hour and headlines every 15 minutes (70850769)
9.05 Morning Surgery. Stress, how antibiotics work and advances in kidney transplant surgery (s) (7859585) **9.20 Hot Chefs.** Clive Fretwell and Alastair Little display their culinary skills (s) (8344943) **9.45 Whatever Happened To..?** Richard Whitmore looks at stories that were once headline news (s) (3438721)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8280189) **10.05 Playdays.** For infants (s) (7416301) **10.30 Bump** (r) (2545127) **10.35 A Summer Good Morning.** Highlights from *Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick* (s) (6794818)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1857030) **11.05 Knots Landing.** Drama series about the *Dallas* Ewings' poor relations (r) (9753943) **11.50 Holiday Outings.** Julia Butt samples Tenerife (r) (4093059)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2438027) **12.05 Cartoons.** A triple bill (r) (5995295) **12.25 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9288479) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (72609127)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (88030) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (83610740)
1.50 Wimbledon 93. Men's singles quarter-final action. Introduced by Desmond Lynam (s) (39059672)
4.10 Galaxy Goof-Ups (r) (9697092) **4.35 The Movie Game.** Film and video quiz presented by Jonathon Morris. (Ceefax) (s) (2263856)
5.00 Newsround (4747189) **5.10 Byker Grove.** Episode six of the 20-part children's drama (r). (Ceefax) (9376450)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (830295). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (301)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (653). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (2160)
7.30 Tomorrow's World in Tokyo (r). (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (837)
8.00 Growing Pains. Ray Brooks and Sharon Duce star in the gentle drama series about the pleasures and pains of fostering. (Ceefax) (s) (147295)



Children's favourite: Peter Glaze (8.50pm)

8.50 TV Heroes. Danny Baker in praise of *Crackerjack!* stalwart Peter Glaze. (Ceefax) (s) (527450)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1117)
9.30 One Jasper Carrott. The comedian on stage of London's Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, recorded last Christmas (r). (Ceefax) (s) (516363)
10.20 Today at Wimbledon introduced by Harry Carpenter and Sue Barker (s) (303011)
11.20 I Know My First Name Is Steven. The second and concluding part of the real-life drama about a young boy's seven-year abduction (r). (Ceefax) (110189)
12.55am Weather (6857884). Ends at **1.00**
2.15-5.00 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (713449) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (12352) **4.00 TV Edits** (75284)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Through the Looking Glass (9856301) **7.10** Pienza: a Renaissance City (5897491) **7.35** Victorian Dissenting Chapels (1410547)
8.00 Breakfast News (4982011)
8.15 Westminster. A full report of yesterday's proceedings in both the Commons and the Lords (6269108)
9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon. Highlights introduced by Harry Carpenter and Sue Barker (r) (s) (72030)
10.00 Film: Les Misérables (1957) starring Jean Gabin, Bernard Blier and Bourvil. The second and final part of the adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel. Jean Valjean's adopted daughter falls for a young student caught up in the unrest of the aftermath of the 1830 revolution. Directed by Jean-Paul Le Chanois. In French with English subtitles (11866189)
11.35 Holiday Outings. Kathy Tayler follows the Sundance Trail, a fly/drive holiday of 2,000 miles through Wyoming and Colorado (r) (4070108)
11.45 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams presented by Sophie Aldred and Matthew Devitt (r) (s) (6455112)
12.00 Wimbledon 93. Live coverage of the men's singles quarter-finals. The commentating team is John Barrett, Mark Cox, Bill Threlfall, Barry Davies and David Mercer. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.50. 12.00-3.00** (696160) **3.00-6.00** (403653) **6.00-8.30** (571092)
8.30 Summer Wildlife: The Serpent's Secrets. An insight into the secret life of the snake, taking in the myths that surround the mysterious creatures (r). (Ceefax) (8585)
9.00 Black Daisies for the Bride. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (591522)
9.55 The Wednesday Play. A preview of a season of plays first shown in the 1960s (814924)

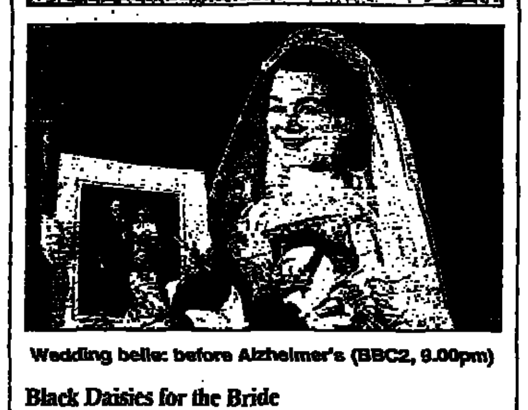


The whys and wherefores: Anderson (10.00pm)

10.00 Notes and Queries with Clive Anderson. A compilation of the series based on the Notes and Queries column of *The Guardian*. With Frank Muir and Carol Vorderman (67498)
10.30 Newsnight introduced by Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (556301)
11.15 The Late Show. Following the screening earlier this evening of Tony Harrison's drama about Alzheimer's disease, *Black Daisies for the Bride*, Michael Ignatieff chairs a discussion with writers and philosophers on the relationship between illness and identity (614059)
11.55 Weather (306818)
12.00 The Selling of the New Deal. How the American media sold Roosevelt's New Deal to the people during the Depression (3675541)
12.25am The Chosen People. What does it mean to be Jewish? (4720230). Ends at **12.55**

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CHOICE



Wedding belle: before Alzheimer's (BBC2, 9.00pm)

Black Daisies for the Bride
BBC2, 9.00pm

This *ScreenPlay* production about sufferers from Alzheimer's disease is one of the most harrowing pieces of television I have ever watched. Tony Harrison's poetic drama documentary focuses on three elderly female patients of a West Yorkshire hospital. Using actresses, the film shows us what they looked like on their wedding day and celebrates the vibrant, talented people they were before Alzheimer's robbed them of speech and memory. It might seem an unlikely subject for a musical, but composer Dominic Muldowney has come up with an evocative score featuring original songs as well as snatches from "Daisy, Daisy, Give Me Your Answer Do" and even Puccini. The film seems achingly long, and there is rather too much billowing confetti (representing the "burying blizzard of days"), but the women's lost personalities come through loud and clear.

Danielle Steel's Daddy
ITV, 8.00pm

Adapted from Steel's bestseller, this schmaltzy drama has both the star of Dallas *and something of its morbid appeal.* Patrick Duffy, Bobby in the Texan series, plays Oliver Wendell Watson, an advertising executive whose personal life is "blown to hell" after his spouse leaves him to go back to college. "You really are perfectly happy with your wife and family", spells out his colleague before this event. "Yes I am", replies our hero, just so that there is no ambiguity. With wifey out of the way, Oliver's family predictably falls apart, but, wait, what is *Wonder Woman* Lynda Carter doing in the cast? Maybe, just maybe, she could help this beleaguered daddy find happiness again.

Tomorrow's World in Tokyo
BBC1, 7.30pm

This is a welcome repeat for the special edition looking at a city where as co-presenter Kate Bellingham puts it: "every human failing is a market opportunity". Thus for the paranoid hypochondriac there is a toilet that diagnoses illnesses by taking urine samples. More sinisterly, for the foetus which cannot survive outside its mother's uterus, the Japanese are developing an artificial womb. Always interesting, the programme considers everything from fish held in suspended animation to the potential earthquake which could put Japan's technology to the ultimate test.

Sean's Show
Channel 4, 10.30pm

The Perrier award-winning comic, Sean Hughes, can be seen tonight in the first of a repeated run of his seven-part comedy series. The concept is clever: Hughes and his Muswell Hill, north London, flat are plucked from obscurity and placed under the glare of studio lights and a studio audience. Hughes tries to live his downbeat life as normal but finds himself at the whim of scriptwriters who insist on injecting a note of surrealism — who would have thought he would end up sharing a bath with Windsor Davies? There are some nice touches, such as the letter Sean receives from burglars: "We were in the area and we noticed you didn't have any possessions so we left you this radio", but much of the time the show seems to be straining too hard to be funny. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include Kate Williams and Kim Wilde (8562360)
9.25 Talkabout. Lighthearted word game hosted by Andrew O'Connor (8329634) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7492721)
10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series (r) (s) (50769)
10.30 This Morning. Weekday magazine (32649108)
12.10 Allsorts. For the very young (r) (s) (5987276)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Teletext) Weather (1951924) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (46527176)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama (Teletext) (228030) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australia outback (s) (227301)
2.15 One in 5 Million. Actress Caroline Quentin visits a viewer's home in the South East to find our her thoughts on housework, men, marriage and much else besides (s) (219382) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Drama set in the Highlands (2067566)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2541585) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2540856) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Drama set in an Australian city hospital (7620092)
3.50 Cartoon featuring Tweety Pie (7101382) **3.55 Scooby Doo** (r) (3391769) **4.20 How 2.** A repeat of the fun and facts series (r) (2498905) **4.40 Go Getters.** Second in the celebrity treasure hunt series presented by Dave Lee Travis (s) (1320547)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8224856)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (457011)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes part two of a special "Healthcheck" report on slimming pills (Teletext) (68837)
7.00 Fantastic Facts! Jonathan Ross with another collection of strange but true stories. With Fiona Armstrong and Wilf Lunn (s) (7856)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (905)

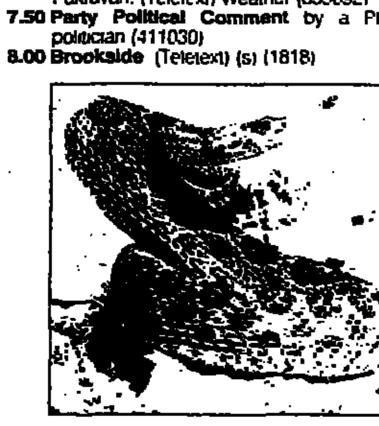


Left holding the baby: Patrick Duffy (8.00pm)

8.00 Danielle Steel's Daddy (1991). (Teletext) (s) See Choice (7189)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (54924) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (307127)
10.40 Sport in Question presented by Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves. The guests include Virginia Wade and the *Evening Standard*'s Michael Herd (s) (652924)
11.40 Film: A Stoning in Fulham County (1988) starring Ken Olin and Jill Eikenberry. Drama about the dilemma faced by an Amish couple when their eight-month-old child is killed by the reckless actions of four teenagers. The only witness to the death is their 11-year-old daughter, but their religious beliefs preclude her from taking part in any trial. Directed by Larry Elikann (s) (406498)
1.30am Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure time guide (s) (45555)
2.30 America's Top Ten (s) (88975)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (r) (35178)
4.00 60 Minutes. American news magazine (r) (60352)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (60062)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (45062). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). American comedy series (85634) **6.45 Ovide.** Animation (2017634)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (78653)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (64301)
9.30 Film: False Paradise (1948, b/w) starring William Boyd. Continuing the short season of Hopalong Cassidy westerns. Directed by George Archainbaud (9123566)
10.40 Road To Avonlea. Drama series about a young city-born woman living with her relations in rural Canada (r) (s) (5005160)
11.35 Film: Yours Sincerely (1932, b/w) starring Lanny Ross. A musical short about a young man serenading his sweetheart. Directed by Roy Mack (9131653)
12.00 The Parliament Programme (51837)
12.30 Sesame Street (r) (14585)
1.30 Sandokan. Animated adventures of a swashbuckling pirate prince (r) (78092)
2.00 Film: Arrowsmith (1931, b/w) starring Ronald Colman and Helen Hayes. Drama about a dedicated young doctor, living in the West Indies with his wife, working on a cure for bubonic plague. When it breaks out on his island he must decide whether to stay and treat the victims or leave and continue his research elsewhere. Directed by John Ford (361214) **3.40 Joe McDoakes: So You Want to be in Pictures?** (b/w). The hapless Joe takes a crash course in acting (3201699)
3.55 Pottery Ladies. Women recall life in the Potteries between the wars (r). (Teletext) (3904585)
4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (819)
5.00 A Dream of Norway. A short made in 1960 about scenic Norway, set to Edvard Grieg's "Variations on an Old Norwegian Romance" (3240634)
5.20 Film: The Gift (1979) starring Glenn Ford, Julie Harris and Gary Frank. Drama set in Brooklyn in the early 1950s about a young sailor who returns home to try to establish meaningful relationships with his hard-drinking father and his high-school sweetheart. Directed by Don Taylor (46865301)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Shahnaz Pakravan. (Teletext) Weather (859092)
7.50 Party Political Comment by a Plaid Cymru politician (411030)
8.00 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (1818)



Wired for sound: the rattlesnake (8.30pm)

8.30 Rattler. A *Survival* documentary about a research project involving implanting radio transmitters into rattlesnakes' bodies in order to learn more about their way of life (r) (Teletext) (3653)
9.00 Camera of Courage: Hello, Do You Hear Us? The second of five films shown in tribute to the late Latvian film-maker Juris Podnieks, made before the break-up of the Soviet Union (r) (4479)
10.00 The Golden Palace. Comedy series spin-off from *The Golden Girls* (Teletext) (s) (52566)
10.30 Sean's Show (r) (s) See Choice (804450)
11.05 ENG. Canadian drama series about a television news gathering team. (Teletext) (s) (435479)
12.05am One Night Stand: Brian Haley. The American comedian recorded in Chicago (5275325)
12.35 Film: Sau Dada Sasu Na (1980) starring Aruna Irani. Drama about a woman who continually harasses her husband's nephew's wife. In Gujarati with English subtitles. Directed by Kishore Vyas and Arjun Bhatt (39737178). Ends at **3.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Gardening Time (219382) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8224856) **6.00** Home and Away (244740) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (102301) **10.40** Film: The Taking of Pelham 123 (81926392) **12.35** Film: Danger Route (402623) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (18536) **2.45** 60 Minutes (1251230) **3.40** Cue the Music (4994505) **4.35** Riviera (45273028) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (5159197)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15 Gardening Time (219382) **2.45-3.10** Sprockets (2067566) **3.20-3.50** GP (7620092) **6.00** Lookaround (769) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (721) **10.40** Film: Caravan to Vaccares (81926382) **12.35** Film: Danger Route (402623) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (18536) **2.45** 60 Minutes (1251230) **3.40** Cue the Music (4994505) **4.35** Riviera (45273028) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (5159197)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (228030) **1.45** Home and Away (227301) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (219382) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7620092) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8224856) **6.00** Home and Away (244740) **6.25-7.00** Central News (102301) **10.40** Film: Big Bob Johnson and His Fantastic Speed Circus (81935030) **12.30** Tour of Duty (3236176) **1.25** Entertainment UK (3605333) **2.25** Stage Three (1628401) **3.25** BPM (6948468) **4.35** Jobfinder (5337975) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2192307)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (228030) **1.45** Home and Away (67182127) **2.10-2.45** Yan Can Cook (2185585) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (7620092) **5.10-5.40** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (8224856) **6.00** Home and Away (769) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (721) **10.40** Film: Caravan to Vaccares (81926382) **12.35** Film: Danger Route (402623) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (18536) **2.45** 60 Minutes (1251230) **3.40** Cue the Music (4994505) **4.35** Riviera (45273028) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (227301) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (219382) **6.00** HTV News (769) **6.30-7.00** The West Country Game (721) **10.40** The Informers (81926382) **12.35** Film: Danger Route (402623) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (18536) **2.45** 60 Minutes (1251230) **3.40** Cue the Music (4994505) **4.35** Riviera (45273028) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (5159197)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Foley Square

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Loud and Clear (219382) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (769) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (721) **10.40** Film: Christine (81985030) **12.30-1.30** Equalizer (45772) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (60062)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (219382) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (849295) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (721) **10.40** Street Legal (662301) **11.35** The Equalizer (168063) **12.30** American Gladiators (2357371) **1.20** Hollywood Report

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-2.45 A Country Practice (5544943) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (7620092) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (96498) **10.40** Nuts Corner Motorbikes (872740) **11.10** Wanted, Dead or Alive (742276) **11.40** IndyCar 93 (546214) **12.10** The Twilight Zone (1671246) **12.35** Film: Danger Route (402623) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (18536) **2.45** 60 Minutes (1251230) **3.40** Cue the Music (4994505) **4.35** Riviera (45273028) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (5159197)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 The Young Doctors (227301) **2.15-2.45** Westcountry Focus (219382) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (7620092) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (96498) **10.40** Film: The Barbary Coast (81935030) **12.35** Film: Danger Route (402623) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (18536) **2.45** 60 Minutes (1251230) **3.40** Cue the Music (4994505) **4.35** Riviera (45273028) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (5159197)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (219382) **5.55** Calendar (849295) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (721) **10.40** Street Legal (662301) **11.35** The Equalizer (168063) **12.30** American Gladiators (2357371) **1.20** Hollywood Report (1993604) **1.50** Videofashion (2488333) **2.20** Transworld Sport (1629130) **3.20** Music Box (8949197) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (7630325)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (78653) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (64301) **9.30** Film: In Old Mexico (21363) **10.30** Foofur (7175672) **10.40** Road to Avonlea (5927672) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (51837) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (79721) **1.00** Take Five (71740) **1.30** A Different World (78092) **2.00** Film: Ladies in Retirement (361214) **3.40** The Oprah Winfrey Show (7963276) **4.30** Press Gang (818) **5.00** Fifteen To One (5834) **5.30** Brookside (496) **6.00** News (604108) **6.10** Heno (213856) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5498) **7.30** Taith Y Llewod '93 (547) **8.00** Y Bit A'r Betws (1816) **8.30** News (385301) **8.55** The Crystal Maze (869905) **9.55** Film: Glory (76022214) **12.15** People First (29842) **12.45-1.15** The Jazz Package (28913)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (73262045) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4604382) **9.10** Cartoons (2422721) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (31585) **10.00** Card Sharks (7669634) **10.25** Concentration (7300011) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1156924) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (31011) **11.30** Falcon Crest (59635) **12.30pm** E Street (35301) **1.00** Another World (9703672) **1.45** Three's Company (865585) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (510818) **3.15** Different Strokes (846450) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8468092) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4301) **6.00** Games World (1943) **6.30** E Street (2295) **7.00** Rescue (5030) **7.30** Full House (8479) **8.00** Hunter (73585) **9.00** LA Law (53721) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (63108) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (14479)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (68522) **6.30** News and Business Report (518818) **9.30** ABC Nightline (50009) **10.30** Fashion TV (75295) **11.30** International Business Report (58617) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (79011) **1.30** Good Morning America (70740) **2.30** Parliament Live (39504) **3.30** Parliament Live (13943) **4.30** News and Business Report (8092) **5.00** Live at Five (92479) **6.30** News and Business Report (12943) **7.30** Fashion TV (9721) **10.30** Nightline (14740) **11.30** ABC News (95127) **12.30am** Fashion TV (90245) **1.30** ABC News (67791) **2.30** Those Were The Days (73401) **3.30** ABC News (85246) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (10371) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (13046)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8511030)
10.00 The Dream Machine (1991): Corey Haim acquires a Porsche (25053301)
11.55 The Red Tent (1971): Peter Finch plays an Arctic explorer (59942547)
2.00pm If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium (1969): Comedy about American tourists in Europe (47160)
4.00 Run Wild, Run Free (1969): A mute boy befriends a white colt (6905)
6.00 The Dream Machine (as 10am) (67924)
8.00 El Diablo (1991): Comedy western in which schoolteacher Anthony Edwards forms a posse to rescue a kidnapped pupil from outlaw Robert Beltran (79769)
10.00 The Fisher King (1991): Terry Gilliam's surreal romantic comedy stars Jeff Bridges and Robin Williams (54713382)
12.20am Party Favors (1990): Strippers deliver pizza (9402130)

1.50 The Canterbury Tales (1971) Chaucer's medieval stories (84192488)
4.00 Adam's Woman (1970). Beau Bridges plans his escape from an Australian penal colony (694265). Ends at **5.55**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Agony and the Ecstasy (1965): Charlton Heston stars as Michelangelo (80125568)
8.15 The Virgin Soldiers (1969): Ribald comedy with Hywel Bennett (90164160)
10.00 Sudden Impact (1983): Clint Eastwood stars as Dirty Harry (806189). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Is Paris Burning? (1966). Drama about the liberation of Nazi-occupied Paris. With Jean-Paul Belmondo (23374566)
8.45 The Nutcracker Prince (1990): Cartoon, with Tchaikovsky's music (2964672)
10.00 She (1965): Ursula Andress plays the immortal queen (44059)
12.00 There's No Business Like Showbusiness (1954): Musical (70547)
2.00pm Reunion (1990): Two Germans meet again after 50 years (78030)
4.00 The Nutcracker Prince (as 8.45am) (4547)
6.00 Shadow of a Doubt (1991): A teenage girl suspects that uncle Mark Harmon is a serial killer (65566)
8.00 The Addams Family (1991). Gothic comedy with Anjelica Huston (60011)
10.00 Sleeping With the Enemy (1991): Starring Julia Roberts (512363)
11.40 Netherworld (1991) Supernatural adventure with Michael Bendetti (353011)
1.10am The Mummy's Hand (1940, b/w): Kharis the mummy preys on a team of archaeologists (1675352)
2.20 The Mummy's Tomb (1942, b/w): Lon Chaney Jr wears the bandages (2061791)
3.25 The Mummy's Ghost (1944, b/w). John Carradine and Lon Chaney Jr seek the reincarnation of Princess Ananka (9275458)
4.25 The Murders in the Rue Morgue (1932, b/w): Bela Lugosi seeks a bride for his ape creation (6194888). Ends at **5.25**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (18721) **7.00** Kickboxing '93 (19160) **8.00** World Team Pool (27189) **9.00** Prime Bodies (61837) **9.30** The Footballers' Football Show (51127) **10.30** Rugby League: New Zealand v Australia (24924) **12.30pm** Rugby Union Super Ten (14547) **2.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor (5176) **3.00** Dubai Open Snooker (13547) **5.00** Motor World (2108) **5.30** NHRA Drag Racing (4672) **6.00** F1 Power Boat Championship (53194) **7.00** Rugby League (as 10.30am) (50295) **9.00** Wimbledon News (734189) **9.05** Rugby Union Super Ten (94385672) **11.00** Ringside (12818) **1.00-3.00am** Dubai Open Snooker (17449)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (44634) **8.00** Gymnastics (24382) **10.00** Athletics (98011) **12.00** Football: America Cup (14905) **2.00pm** Snooker (12498) **4.00** Mediterranean Games (82769) **5.00** Motorsport (7276) **5.30** Truck Racing (9740) **6.00** DTM German Touring Cars (6653) **6.30** News (7905) **7.00** Snooker (45363) **9.00** Kick Boxing (13127) **10.00** Boxing (16214) **11.00** Weightlifting (41547) **12.00-12.30am** News (37081)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jem (3632672) **7.30** Neighbours (3628479) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4777837) **8.30** EastEnders (4776108) **9.00** The Bill (4750160) **9.30** Moon and Son (9707382) **10.30** Big Deal (1893837) **11.30** Happy Ever After (1709027) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4770924) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6603295) **1.00** EastEnders (3631943) **1.30** The Bill (6602566) **2.00** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (4480769) **2.30** Citizen Smith (7102943) **3.00** Dallas (7109063) **4.00** Dynasty (2959360) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4464721) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7113059) **6.00** Neighbours (7103672) **6.30** Moon and Son (6737566) **7.30** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (7190108) **8.00** EastEnders (4460905) **8.30** Citizen Smith (4472740) **9.00** Big Deal (8228189) **10.00** The Bill (4771653) **10.30** Lazarus and Dingwall (4780301) **11.00** Till Death Us Do Part (7004419) **11.30** Dr Who: The Time Monster (2045108) **12.00-2.00am** Film: Once Upon a Honeymoon (1942, b/w) with Cary Grant and Ginger Rogers (4492888)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (42363) **7.00** Raitkan II (48059) **9.00** Jack in the Box (81276) **11.00** Stones Without Words (52473) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (94419) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (20092) **2.00** Stones Without Words (2740) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (1740) **3.00** Babar (8547) **3.30** Raitkan II (53030) **5.00** The Bartons (3092) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (2856) **6.00-7.00** Fame (40856)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Introduction to IT — Skills
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Stewart Collins. Including Warlock (Capriol Suite); Ravel (Rapsodie espagnole); Sibelius (Suite for violin and string orchestra); Haydn (Symphony No 92 in G)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Bach in Leipzig. Cantata No 205, Der zufriedengestellte Aeolus, for the name-day of Prof August Friedrich Müller — excerpts; Cantata No 207a, Auf, schmetternde Töne, for the name-day of August III, Elector of Saxony — excerpts; Cantata No 212, Mer hahn en neue Oberkeet, Peasant Cantata)
10.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Vivaldi (Concerto in C, per la Solennità di San Lorenzo, RV 556); Mayr (Piano Concerto No 1 in C); Donizetti (Spirto di Dio); Liszt (Les Préludes; Hungarian Rhapsody No 13 in A minor); Beethoven (Octet in E flat); Cherubini (Offertoire: Sanctus; O Salutaris Hostia, Coronation Mass); Tartini (Sonata in G minor, Devil's Trill)
12.00 Poet and Purist: Jonathan Swain traces the parallel development of symphony and symphonic poem (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from Broadcasting House, London. York Piano Trio performs Tchaikovsky (Piano Trio in A minor, Op 50). With Jeremy Williams, violin, Louise Hopkins, cello, John York, piano
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.30 Mendelssohn: Symphony No 5 in C minor, Reformation (Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Exeter Cathedral
5.00 In Tune, with Richard Baker
7.30 Ensemble InterContemporain under Pierre Boulez, with Phyllis Bryn-Julson, mezzo, performs Schoenberg (Chamber Symphony No 1, Op 9); Stravinsky (Concertino for 12 instruments: Eight Instrumental Miniatures; Four Cat's Cradle Songs; Pribaoutki); Boulez (Le marteau sans maître)
9.00 Festival Time: In the second of three talks about his adopted homeland of Japan, the poet James Kirkup visits the Kyoto festival of Gion Matsuri
9.20 Grieg's Piano Music: The first of four programmes marking the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth. Margaret Fingerhut plays Four Lyric Pieces: At the Cradle, Op 68 No 5; To Spring, Op 43 No 6; Elegie, Op 38 No 6; Little Brook, Op 62 No 4; Ballade in G minor, Op 24; Three Lyric Pieces: Homesickness, Op 57 No 6; Nocturne, Op 54 No 4; Wedding Day at Troldhaugen, Op 65 No 6
10.05 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Markus Stenz performs Henze (La Selva Incantata); Cherubini (Symphony in D)
11.30 Night Waves: Robert Hewison discusses David Mamet's new play, *Oleanna*, at the Royal Court Theatre; and the first of Edward Said's Reith Lectures on the place of intellectuals in society
11.30 Hausmusik performs Schubert (Notturno in E flat, D897); Beethoven (Septet in E flat, Op 20)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek
10.00-10.30am The Joy of Smelling (FM only): See Choice
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Leviticus. Bernard Hill reads the final part (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to Baroness Perry, the outgoing vice-chancellor of South Bank University. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the public put their questions to the experts at the Gardeners' World Live exhibition at the NEC, Birmingham (r)
12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm A Perfect Spy: See Choice **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Safe in Our Hands: 1963-1969 — Victories of Science. Second of a four-part drama serial by Colin Douglas on the history of the National Health Service
2.47 Smashing Pots (r)
3.00 News; Justice on Trial: Gerry Northam examines the British judicial system (r)
3.42 RSVP: Matthew Parris investigates letters that have no known replies. Despite its ambivalent tone, Leonard Woolf took a letter from Virginia as an acceptance of his marriage proposal
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the week's film releases; previews *Black Daisies for the Bride*, Tony Harrison's drama documentary about Alzheimer's disease on BBC2 tonight; and watches the Kirov Ballet perform at Covent Garden
4.45 Short Story: Nebraska, by Ron Hansen. Read by William Hootkins
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1993: Round One — The North West of England (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Where Youth Grows Pale: Author Alan Sillitoe, scriptwriters Ray Galton and Alan Simpson and actor Mark Eden, all former tuberculosis sufferers, talk about life in a sanitorium
8.45 The Reith Lectures — Representations of the Intellectual: Holding Nations and Traditions at Bay. Professor Edward Said explores the choices that face intellectuals when they decide whether to side with the powerful or the underdog
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander McLeod
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Jericho. Written and read by Dirk Bogarde (5/12)
11.00 Adventures at the Edge of the World: Christina Dodwell explores the frozen Kamchatka peninsula in the former Soviet Union (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

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If René Basilico has not learnt by now how to turn a John le Carré novel into good radio, he never will. He has already done it six times. *A Perfect Spy* is the seventh and, in customary fashion, we are inescapably hooked well before the end of episode one. James Fox plays Magnus Pym, the vanished diplomat with a secret life and Harriet Walter is his all-at-sea wife. Max Harris's music is appropriately unsettling. **Peter Davalle**

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Capriati and Zvereva swept aside as top two seeds put on command performances

Graf survives scare to reach semi-finals

IAN STEWART



Rapid-fire volley: Martina Navratilova sweeps away yet another winner in her comfortable quarter-final victory in straight sets over Natalya Zvereva, of Belarus, at Wimbledon yesterday

BY STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

BETWEEN them, Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova have won the last 11 women's singles titles. Now only Conchita Martinez and Jana Novotna can prevent the top two seeds from meeting on the centre court for the final on Saturday and disputing the right to the twelfth.

The odds will be heavily against the outsiders in their respective semi-finals. Martinez, the sixth seed from Spain, has never beaten Graf, neither has Novotna, the eighth seed, from the Czech Republic, ever recorded a victory over Navratilova. For both, tomorrow will be their eighth attempt.

The conclusions may be thought to be foregone, but Martinez has already defied expectations. When Graf was asked to comment on the qualities of either of her prospective opponents early yesterday afternoon, she expressed surprise that the Spaniard had even reached the last eight. At the time Martinez was on the way to beating Helena Sukova with startling ease, 6-1, 6-4.

Of the other quarter-finals, only one ever looked likely to last more than two sets and even that entertaining prospect collapsed after half an hour. It was then that Jennifer Capriati, leading Graf 5-3, was within a point of winning the first set.

Leaving behind the doubts and the hesitation that had accompanied her throughout the previous four rounds, during which she had been extended each time to the limit, Capriati followed a simple strategy. Play, whenever possible, to the weaker of Graf's flanks, the backhand. For eight games, it worked.

Indeed, it worked so convincingly that it provoked a question. Why do Graf's opponents not formulate the same plan even if they cannot execute it? The champion, unable to run round and use her penetrating steamhammer of a forehand, was reduced continually to employing a comparatively harmless backhand slice. Martinez, take note.

Capriati broke in the fifth game and her own serve was not even remotely threatened until she was within reach of the first set. She has beaten Graf before, albeit on clay in the final of the Olympic Games in Barcelona a year ago, so she might have been expected to remain calm amid the impending excitement.

Capriati is still only 17, though, and she could hang on neither to her composure nor to her tactic. Instead, Graf, having survived the momentary crisis, put into operation a similar strategy. Play, whenever possible, to the weaker of her opponent's flanks, the forehand. Within a few minutes, the balance of the match had shifted. Although Capriati saved three break points and levelled at 6-6 with two aces, she lost the first five points of the tie-break and, after 48 minutes, conceded the set.

Thereafter, the only fleeting glimpse of hope she saw arrived in the shape of the trainer. Summoned by Graf, she arrived after Capriati had already been broken in the first game of the second set. Yet she was swiftly sent away without applying any treatment.

Graf was complaining of an ache in her right foot, which was damaged during the French Open last month. "I just wanted to make sure that, if it was going to be a long match, that it would be all right," she said.

Capriati capitulated in the second set, losing it 6-1, and agreed that the four three-set matches she had previously endured had taken their toll physically and mentally.

What does she have to do to fulfil the promise she first demonstrated when, at the age of 14, she was the youngest competitor ever to be seeded at Wimbledon? Graf had the answer. "Consistency. She has the game, but consistency is one of the most important things."

Graf insisted that her injury will not impede her in the semi-final any more than it did yesterday. "In the other matches I never got to the stage where I had to play some good points," she said. "I wasn't under any pressure, and today I definitely was." For half-an-hour, anyway.

In being kept on court for an 1¼ hours, she fell behind in one of the few contests that is providing some interest during the women's singles.

She has so far spent a mere 4hr 35min in reaching the last four. Navratilova, her only rival in the race, took the lead in disposing of Natalya Zvereva 6-3, 6-1 in only 50 minutes. Her aggregate time is now 4hr 24min.

She will remember her last match against Novotna. It took place in the final in Chicago last year, and by winning it, Navratilova surpassed Chris Evert's record of 157 titles.

Novotna eliminated Gabriela Sabatini 6-4, 6-3 and, with Martinez, will be pursuing a record set long ago. Not since 1962 has anyone from outside the top four seeds won the women's title. The losing finalist on that occasion was Vera Sukova, Helena's mother.

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Women's semi-finals

S Graf (Ger) v J Novotna (Cz Rep)

C Martinez (Sp) v M Navratilova (US)

To be played tomorrow

Navratilova worried over child prodigy

MARTINA Navratilova yesterday criticised the entry of a 12-year-old tennis prodigy in the junior tournament at Wimbledon (John Goodbody writes).

Martina Hingis, who received her first name in respect of the nine-time Wimbledon singles champion, yesterday reached the fourth round of the junior event, although most of the other seeds are five years older than she is.

Hingis, the No 14 seed, is now on course to add the Wimbledon junior title to the French Open crown she took earlier this month, when she became the youngest junior grand slam winner.

However, her participation in the event was questioned by Navratilova, who, like Hingis, was born in the former Czechoslovakia before emigrating.

Navratilova, who reached the women's singles semi-finals yesterday by defeating Natalia Zvereva, of Belarus, 6-3, 6-1, was asked about Hingis playing in the junior tournament. She replied: "I think it is too soon. If I had a 12-year-old, I wouldn't do it with her, even if she was good enough."

Hingis, who now lives in Switzerland, reached the fourth round by defeating Zuzana Nemsakova 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Age no barrier to Navratilova's easy ascent



SIMON BARNES
At Wimbledon

Natalya Zvereva is probably the most graceful player to have lifted a racket this Wimbledon. There are no marks for artistic impression in tennis: if so, we might have had one-way traffic in a different direction.

For nobody has ever accused Martina Navratilova of gracefulness. Nor has the lack of it ever stopped her winning tennis matches. She relies on certain other qualities for that, most noticeably courage. The quality Hemingway defined as grace under pressure.

Not that she had much need of it yesterday. There was no pressure, no call for grace. Zvereva's really was a woefully supine performance, even by the standards of this women's tournament. It grieves me to say it, but it is true.

Navratilova won 6-3, 6-1 and it was a good match for at least six games. But the score hit 3-3 and then Navratilova won nine of the last ten games. Zvereva, a few nice shots and a lot of elegant misses apart, was awful.

In 1988, when she was 17, Zvereva reached the final of the French Open, where she met Steffi Graf and was demolished in a brief and brutal match that lasted about half-an-hour. It was one of the worst grand slam finals in living memory. But Zvereva has beaten Navratilova four times in their 11 matches. Most players would envy such a record. We were entitled to think that we might have a match on our hands.

No such luck. Navratilova needed nothing more than competence. She swaggered onto court in her tough, tailored, taking-care-of-business shorts, and basically, she took care of business.

At least she didn't wear a baseball cap. It really was rather disconcerting to see centre court ball-boys in baseball caps.

Navratilova faced stiffer opposition in the post-match press conference, but she dealt with that pretty emphatically as well. I mean, Martina, you've got an ankle injury, you're 36, and you are still winning matches with incredible ease. Isn't that an indictment of the women's game?

"So I'm a cripple and I'm still beating up on all the others, so they must all be lousy players? I'm playing as well as I ever did. Give me credit — don't take it away from the others."

The Martina story gets more extraordinary every year. What, still no sign of teenage burn-out? Her appetite for the game, for competition, for strife and adversity, seems inexhaustible. When it comes to dealing with the old twin imposters, her abilities are second to none.

Zvereva shook hands with her after the match, and said two words. "Too good." Fair enough, really. "That sums it up pretty well for me," Navratilova, who has never been troubled by false modesty any more than false pride, said. "Age was certainly not a factor in that match." She has never, she said, reached a semi-final so easily, continuing what she calls "a gradual ascent to better form.

"Technically, I'm a better player than I was when I was younger. I'm not moving as well — but I'm still moving better than 99 per cent of the other women out there. I won't lose a match because I'm not moving as well as I was."

It is a pity she does not play cricket, for she pursues excellence the Graham Gooch way. If the difference between very good and excellent is unending hours of back-breaking work, then you go out and break your back with work.

"It takes me longer to get going these days. And it takes longer to recover from things like pulled muscles. For that reason, I concentrate very hard in my work-out programme to make sure I don't pull a muscle."

We had a 12-year-old called Martina Hingis playing junior Wimbledon yesterday. No doubt Hingis will be suffering from teenage burn-out while Navratilova is still walloping the ball all round centre court. Martina's fitness and her skills are all impressive, and they become more so with the passing years.

Sporting skill is a wasting asset. So, some believe, is courage. In mere tennis terms, there comes a moment when players lose the appetite for gut-wrenching match points. The most remarkable thing about Martina is that her appetite for adversity in undiminished by the years. She swaggered away from the press conference beaming.



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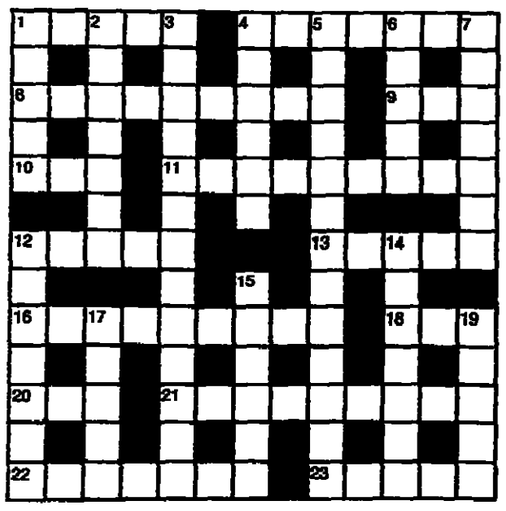
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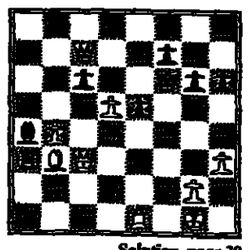
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By Raymond Keene

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By Philip Howard

CLYPE
a. To tell tales
b. An exotic fruit
c. A rain-hat

KALGAN
a. A Cossack horse
b. A jug with two spouts
c. A lamb's fur

TWOFER
a. A double bed
b. A cheap cigar
c. A tandem bicycle

RHINEGRAVE
a. Petticoat breeches
b. Switzerland
c. A German vine

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